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# Also, No One Will Ever **Want to Marry Him Now**

A British court has barred a man from having a dog for three years, after his Labrador puppy was discovered drunk. Matthew Cox had been drinking vodka and Coke on Aug. 22 when he left his glass on the floor to go for a smoke. He returned to find that his puppy, Max, had swallowed the drink. Max was given a new home. (AP)

#### **SACRAMENTS**

# 'I Now Pronounce You **Torrent File and Tracker'**

A file-sharing group in Sweden that considers itself a spiritual organization says the government has recognized it as a religious community. The church's roughly 3,000 members regard copying as a sacrament. Sweden's government defines such communities as ones that conduct religious activities, entitling them to apply for state funding and the right to marry couples. (AP)

#### REACTIONS

# **Art Criticism Hits New Low**

Investigators are trying to determine why a woman caused \$10,000 worth of damage to a large expressionist painting in Denver's Clyfford Still Museum by punching and scratching it, then removing her pants and sliding down the artwork. Carmen Tisch, 36, faces charges of criminal mischief in the Dec. 29 attack on the painting. The work, referred to as 1957-J-No. 2, is valued at more than \$30 million. (AP)



INTERPRETIVE DANCE: Twenty-seven orphans from Malawi, who were trained to speak fluent Mandarin at a Taiwan-funded Buddhist orphanage in Africa, performed dance and kung fu for a group of primary school students in Hong Kong on Thursday as a part of a cultural exchange program. (GETTY)

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# Leaner, Cheaper Military Planned

New defense strategy focuses more on Asia, cyberwarfare

# Washington

Looking beyond the wars he inherited, President Obama on Thursday launched a reshaping and shrinking of the military. He vowed to preserve U.S. pre-eminence even as the Army and Marine Corps shed troops and the administration considers reducing its arsenal of nuclear weapons.

The changes won't come without risk, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said. But he called it acceptable and, because of budget restraints, inevitable.

The new strategy strongly suggests a reduced U.S. military presence in Europe, notwithstanding a continuing close relationship with NATO, and says Asia will be a bigger priority. It also empha-



President Obama announces the Defense Strategic Review on Thursday in D.C. The strategy is intended to guide decisions on cutting the Pentagon's military spending.

# **An Election Year Tactic**

In a presidential election year, the strategy to reshape the military gives Obama a rhetorical tool to defend his Pentagon budget-cutting choices. GOP contenders for the White House already have attacked him on national security issues including missile defense, Iran and planned reductions in ground forces. (AP)

sizes improving U.S. capabilities in the areas of cyberwarfare, missile defense, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance.

In a presentation at the Pentagon, Obama said the U.S. is "turning a page" after having killed Osama bin Laden, withdrawn troops from Iraq and begun to wind down the war in Afghanistan. He outlined a vision for the future that some Republican lawmakers quickly dubbed wrong-headed.

"Our military will be leaner, but the world must know the United States is going to maintain our military superiority," Obama said.

The strategy review is intended to guide decisions on cutting hundreds of billions from Pentagon spending over the coming decade. The document contained no details about how broad concepts will translate into cuts. Those details will be included in the 2013 defense budget to be submitted to Congress next month. ROBERT BURNS (AP)

# **In Brief**

#### **EL PASO, TEXAS**

# **Officials Probe Case** Of Deported U.S. Teen

An Immigration and Customs Enforcement official said Thursday that the agency is investigating how a Texas teen was deported to Colombia after providing a false identity. The family of 15-year-old Jakadrien Lorece Turner says she ran away more than a year ago. (AP)

# PENSACOLA, FLA.

# Police Arrest Ala. Man **In Abortion Clinic Fire**

Authorities arrested Bobby Joe Rogers, 41, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., Thursday on federal charges of setting a New Year's fire that gutted a Florida Panhandle abortion clinic long targeted by violence and protests. He could face up to 20 years in prison if convicted. (AP)

#### ORLANDO, FLA.

# **Casey Anthony's Parents Worried After Video**

Casey Anthony's parents, George and Cindy Anthony, said Thursday that a purported video diary of their daughter circulating online could put her in harm's way. She is serving a year of probation in Florida on a check fraud charge. (AP)

# **OVERSIGHT**

# **Spilling Secrets** Investigators are investigating

whether the Obama administration divulged too many details of the secret raid on Osama bin Laden to Sony Pictures Entertainment Inc. and Kathryn Bigelow, according to a Pentagon letter dated from December and released Thursday. (AP)

# 911 Call Details School Shooting

# **Brownsville, Texas**

A 911 recording reveals the tense moments in a Texas middle school when police confronted an eighthgrader who was brandishing a real-



Gonzalez

gun and repeatedly ordered him to put the weapon down Over and

istic-looking pellet

over, officers can be heard tell-····· ing 15-year-old

Jaime Gonzalez to put the weapon on the floor. When he refused, they fatally shot the boy Wednesday at Cummings Middle School

# "Why was so much excess force used on a minor? Three shots. Why not one that would bring him down?"

- JAIME GONZALEZ SR., FATHER OF THE 15-YEAR-OLD KILLED WEDNESDAY AFTER BRANDISHING A PELLET GUN POLICE BELIEVED TO BE A REAL GUN.

in Brownsville, Texas.

A six-minute recording of the 911 call that summoned police was obtained Thursday by the Brownsville Herald. An assistant principal made the call. As officers arrive,

she says Gonzalez is drawing the weapon. A moment later, police yell that Gonzalez is running through the hall. Someone can be heard yelling that the student says he's willing to die.

Interim Police Chief Orlando Rodriguez said the teen "had plenty of opportunities to lower the gun and listen to the officers' orders."

David A. Dusenbury, a retired deputy police chief in Long Beach, Calif., who now consults on police tactics, said if the boy were raising the gun as if to fire at someone, "then it's unfortunate, but the officer certainly would have the right under the law to use deadly force." CHRISTOPHER SHERMAN (AP)

The amount the U.S. Department of Transportation fined AirTran on Wednesday for unclear advertising. Last fall, ads touted \$59 one-way fares, and although there were a few asterisks, the fine print didn't detail what the fees and taxes were until the bottom of the page. The DOT said it wasn't transparent enough. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

# Correction

A photo caption in a feature about Sweely Estate Winery in the Jan. 5 edition of Express incorrectly identified the person in the photo as Steve Case. The image was actually of the winery's CEO, Peter Hoehn.



One More Temptation: The holiday goodies are gone, and despite that resolution to swear off sweets, in a few weeks, Girl Scout cookie season will be upon us. And this year, to mark the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouting, a new cookie will make its debut. Meet Savannah Smiles, a bite-sized treat with a dusting of confectioner's sugar and a lemony kick. The name was inspired by the home of Girl Scout founder Juliette Gordon Low. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

# Nation

# **U.S. Proposes Regulating Face, Hand Tranplants**

# Washington

The Health Resources Services Administration wants to start regulating face and hand transplants just as other organ transplants are, with waiting lists, a nationwide system to match body parts and donor testing to prevent deadly infections.

It's a big step toward expanding access to these radical operations, especially for wounded troops returning home. A dozen hospitals already do face or hand transplants, and more are preparing to offer the operations. More than 1,000 troops have lost an arm or leg in Afghanistan or Iraq, and the government estimates that 200 troops might be eligible for face transplants.

The agency has proposed new rules that expand the regulation of transplants to include faces, hands and other body parts. Waiting lists

# **Advancements**

# **Pushing Forward**

The proposed rule by the Health Resources Services Administration would regulate transplants of feet, ankles, legs, fingers, windpipes, voice boxes, the abdominal wall — operations tried at least once in other countries. At least 18 face transplants have been done around the world, starting in 2005 with a French woman. The Cleveland Clinic did the first U.S. face transplant in 2008. (AP)

for these body parts are informal and local now. The new rule would make such transplants part of the nationwide matching system run by the United Network for Organ Sharing. MARILYNN MARCHIONE (AP)

# For GOP, No Obvious Pick

Conservative leaders urgently seek united front on candidate

# Washington

Prominent conservative leaders want their rank and file to quickly get behind a single presidential candidate, fearful that persistent splits will help Mitt Romney win the Republican nomination.

The former Massachusetts governor narrowly won the Iowa caucuses when conservative voters divided their support among several challengers, and the worry is that the same thing will happen in South Carolina, Florida and beyond if Rick Santorum, Newt Gingrich and Rick Perry all stay in the race.

"Conservatives are still divided among a number of different candidates, but the field is winnowing,"

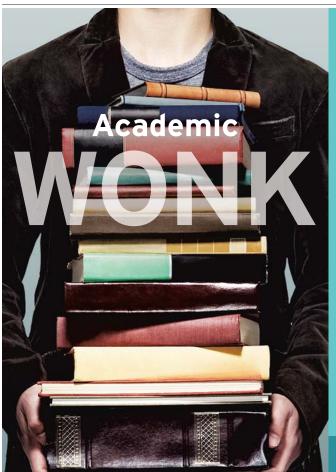
# Romney's Tax Plan

A Tax Policy Center study says Republican Mitt Romney's tax plan would increase taxes on lowincome families while cutting taxes for the middle class and the rich. On average, households making less than \$20,000 would see their taxes increase by more than 60 percent by letting tax cuts enacted under President Obama expire, the study says. The group says people making more than \$1 million would get tax cuts averaging 15 percent. (AP)

said former Republican presidential candidate Gary Bauer. And he said: "I certainly think that Senator Santorum is in a good position to inherit a lot of that support."

In the afterglow of Santorum's loss to Romney in Iowa, leaders on the right who have been scarcely engaged in the rollicking Republican contest began buzzing about the prospect of endorsing the former Pennsylvania senator with the solid conservative credentials - or someone else such as Gingrich who has deep conservative roots.

To discuss how to proceed, some of those leaders have set up meetings from Washington to Texas before the Jan. 21 South Carolina primary. That vote could prove pivotal, given that the Republicans who have won the state for decades have become the party's nominees. LAURIE KELLMAN (AP)



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College kids may choose to spend their days studying the glories of Plato, Shakespeare and Le Corbusier. But, as a new study points out, there may be a steep price to pay. Recent college graduates with bachelor's degrees in the arts, humanities and architecture experienced significantly higher rates of joblessness, according to a study released Wednesday by Georgetown University's Center

on Education and the Workforce.

Those with the highest rates of unemployment had undergraduate degrees in architecture, the arts and the humanities. The graduates with the lowest rates of unemployment had degrees in health, education,

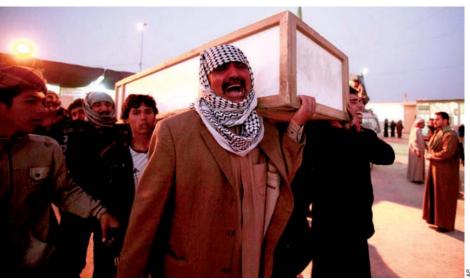
agriculture and natural resources. Those with business and engineering degrees also fared well.

> PETER WHORISKEY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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# World





People inspect the site of a deadly bombing in Baghdad on Thursday, and mourners in Najaf, Iraq, carry the coffin of a young woman killed in recent attacks against Shiites.

# Sectarian Attacks Rattle Iraq

Bomb blasts leave 78 dead as a Shiite holiday approaches

# **Baghdad**

An apparently coordinated wave of bombings targeting Shiite Muslims killed at least 78 people in Iraq on Thursday, the second large-scale assault by militants since U.S. forces pulled out last month.

The attacks, which bore the hallmarks of Sunni insurgents, come ahead of a Shiite holy day that draws hundreds of thousands

Hearsay

of pilgrims from across Iraq, raising fears of a deepening of sectarian bloodshed. Sunni-Shiite rifts just a few years ago pushed Iraq to the brink of civil war.

The bombings in Baghdad and outside the southern city of Nasirivah appeared to be the deadliest in Iraq in more than a year and occurred at a particularly unstable time for Iraq's fledgling democracy. A broad-based unity government designed to include the country's main factions is mired in a political crisis pitting politicians from the Shiite majority now in power against the Sunni minority.

# **Backstory**

#### Attacks in Iraq on Wednesday

targeted officials in Bagouba and Abu Ghraib, killing four people, officials said. Two weeks earlier, militants killed at least 69 people as a wave of bombs ripped through mostly Shiite neighborhoods in Baghdad. An al-Qaeda front group in Iraq claimed responsibility. (AP)

The attacks began during Baghdad's morning rush hour when explosions hit the capital's largest Shiite neighborhood and a district

that contains a Shiite shrine, killing at least 30 people, police said.

Hours later, a suicide attack hit pilgrims heading to the Shiite holy city of Karbala, killing 48, police said. The explosions took place near Nasiriyah, about 200 miles southeast of Baghdad.

The blasts occurred ahead of Arbaeen, a holy day that marks the end of 40 days of mourning after the anniversary of the death of a revered Shiite figure.

A Baghdad military spokesman said it was too early to say who was behind the bombings. ADAM SCHRECK (AP)

# **In Brief**



Villagers dig through landslide rubble on Thursday in Pantukan, Philippines.

#### MANILA, PHILIPPINES

# **Landslide Devastates** Filipino Mining Village

A landslide tore through a tiny gold-mining village in the southern Philippines on Thursday, killing 25 people and burying dozens more, months after the government warned residents the mountain was certain to crumble. More than 100 people were believed to be buried in the rubble, officials said. (AP)

# **BRUSSELS**

# **EU Officials Start Debate** Over Iranian Oil Embargo

European Union official on Thursday began the process of trying to thrash out an agreement on banning the purchase of Iranian oil in the hope of choking off funding for the country's nuclear program. Tehran maintains the program is meant solely for peaceful purposes, but the international consensus is that it is aimed at nuclear weapons. (AP)

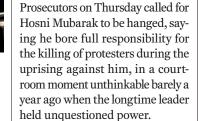
#### **SAO PAULO**

# **Officials: 4K Brazilians** Flee Impending Flood

Civil defense officials on Thursday said they are evacuating an entire town after floodwaters burst a nearby dike in southeastern Brazil. The 4,000 residents of the town of Tres Vendas were brought to temporary shelters to escape the waters of the Muriae River, officials said. Elsewhere in Rio de Janeiro state, 4,000 people were forced to leave their homes due to heavy rains. (AP)

# **Prosecution in Egypt Demands Death for Mubarak**

# Cairo



The death penalty demand at

# "Retribution is the solution. Any fair judge must issue a death sentence for these defendants."

- MUSTAFA KHATER, A PROSECUTOR IN CAIRO ON THURSDAY, DEMANDING HOSNI MUBARAK FACE THE DEATH PENALTY.

the ex-president's trial played to the resentment of Mubarak, 83, among Egyptians who hoped that punishment for his oppressive rule would be fruit of the Arab Spring.

Still, some activists are skeptical such a sentence would be carried out. A conviction would be followed by a possibly lengthy appeal, and Egypt's rulers have the power to veto a death sentence. (AP)

"The only trouble is [the voice synthesizer] gives me an American accent."

- STEPHEN HAWKING, A FAMED BRIT-ISH COSMOLOGIST WHO HAS LOUIGEH-RIG'S DISEASE, IN A POST ON HIS WEB-SITE. HAWKING TURNS 70 ON SUNDAY.

The price a bluefin tuna fetched in the first auction of the year at Tokyo's Tsukiji fish market on Thursday. Though the fish is undoubtedly high-quality, the price, a record-setting \$1,238 per pound, has more to do with the celebratory atmosphere that surrounds the opening auction. (AP)



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# World

# **Defiant Free Press Rises in Syria**

Despite crackdown, secretive citizen-led media outlets grow

#### **Beirut**

In the wake of a nine-month uprising, Syrian authorities are exerting ever-tighter control over the media, routinely censoring and detaining reporters, bloggers and photojournalists. But in spite of the risks, a flurry of outlets have emerged to tell stories banned by the government of President Bashar Assad.

The magazines and journals, mostly produced outside the country and published online, offer an alternative to established newspapers and news channels in Syria, where journalists are careful to produce work without crossing such "red lines" as criticizing Assad. And, analysts say, they represent a huge shift in the country.

Nazir Jandali's two-month-old online publication, Syria Wants Freedom, has articles on the security presence in cities and the Arab



# **Hostile Environment**

Few foreign journalists were granted visas by the Syrian government in 2011, even after an Arab League deal was brokered in November to allow international media into the country. Syria ranked as the 173rd worst out of 178 — in the Reporters Without Borders group's most recent index of press freedom,

even before the crackdown on protesters began in March, Journalists documenting the uprising are prime targets of the Syrian forces, said Mohamed Abdel Dayem of the Committee to Protect Journalists in New York. (TWP)

# "We still have some way to go before reaching the professionalism that's needed. But it's changed the Syrian landscape."

- SHAKEEB AL-JABRI. A SYRIAN ACTIV IST BASED IN BEIRUT, DISCUSSING THE EFFORTS OF THE SWELLING RANKS OF COVERT CITIZEN JOURNALISTS IN SYRIA.

League monitors, as well as discussions of literature.

"We started this project mainly to establish the free press in our country," said Jandali, a 28-year-old Syrian living in Saudi Arabia.

Another publication, Hurriyat, or Freedoms, includes analysis of the opposition and poetic reflections on life since protests began.

The editors of Syria Wants Freedom and Hurriyat say colleagues are secretly printing copies of the newspapers and leaving them in Damascus, Aleppo and Homs. ALICE FORDHAM (THE WASHINGTON POST)

# **Election Chief: No Quitting Over Vote in Russia**

#### Moscow

Russia's top election official on Thursday shrugged off protesters' demands that he step down over alleged fraud during last month's parliamentary vote, saying he would listen only to the nation's leaders.

Vladimir Churov said on Ekho Moskvy radio that he intends to serve the remaining four years of his term and dismissed claims that the Dec. 4 vote was manipulated to allow Prime Minister Vladimir Putin's party to retain its majority in parliament.

The allegations of fraud sparked Russia's largest anti-government protests in two decades. (AP)

# **Protesters' Anger Burns in Bahrain**



MEN POUR WATER ONTO A BLAZE lit Thursday by protesters in Sitra, Bahrain. Unrest has roiled the town since the politically charged funeral of a 15-year-old boy on Sunday. The opposition says the boy died Saturday after a tear gas canister struck him at a protest, an account that officials dispute.

# **Cover Story**



Harrison, M aine, on Thursday is still waiting for snow. The state is typically teeming with snowmobiles by this time of year, but the region is ensnared in a winter dry spell.

# Say, It Ain't Snow

Across the U.S., winter is falling woefully short of expectations

# Portland, Maine

The big snowstorms of autumn are just memories in New England, where people who make their living off winter tourism are losing income and New Hampshire primary candidates lack picturesque winterscapes for photo ops. Tourists in the West play golf instead of ski. In Midwestern hockey country, you can barely slog a puck through the slush.

A continuing dearth of snow in many U.S. spots usually buried by this time of year has turned life upside down. The weather pattern that left many northern states with a brown Christmas is still sticking around, and the outlook for at least the next week is bleak for winter recreation enthusiasts.

Nationwide, the lack of snow is costing tens of millions of dollars in winter recreation, restaurant, lodging and sporting goods sales, experts said.

"It's Mother Nature. She's playing tricks on us or something. Now it's getting nerve-racking," said Terry Hill, whose cash flow is non-existent because her rental cabins



The amount of the nation covered in snow on Thursday, which is less than half the average snow cover over the past five years on that date, according to the National Weather Service. But forecasts predict above-normal or normal snow amounts for much of the northern U.S. for the rest of the season. (AP)

are empty at Shin Pond Village, north of Maine's Baxter State Park, normally alive this time of year with the buzz of snowmobiles.

Many economic losses can be made up, said Charles Colgan, an economist at the University of Southern Maine's Muskie Institute of Public Service.

But that's of little comfort right now in the Northeast, where businesses that depend on winter recreation usually see heaps of snow around the Christmas and New Year's holidays as a bonus and it's critical to have snow by Martin

# On the Bright Side

Temperatures are above normal, there's been more rain than snow across much of the U.S., and some officials couldn't be happier: The weather has been a boon for cash-

The average temperature, in Fahrenheit, for the D.C. region in December, tying for all-time sixthwarmest. (TWP)

strapped cities that have hardly touched their salt supplies or snowremoval budgets. Public works directors are positively giddy when talking about the mild weather, reveling in sunny

skies and budget surpluses. "It's been great," Bloomington, Ill., public works director Jim Karch said. "My kids hate it; our budgets love it." (AP)

Luther King Jr. weekend.

"There's no place that has reliable ice. You're skating on Jell-O," said Barbara Garn, who has seen a big uptick in the number of participants in pickup hockey games she organizes at indoor rinks in Minnesota's Twin Cities region.

Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse, N.Y., normally buried in feet of snow by now, had the third-lightest snowfall on record from October through December. Reno, Nev., recorded its driest December in history, according to the Northeast Regional Climate Center at Cornell University in New York.

"It's been 128 years since Reno didn't have snow in December," said Scott Hickey, owner of a retail golf shop in Reno. "Not only have we not had snow, but it's been mild, so you can play golf."

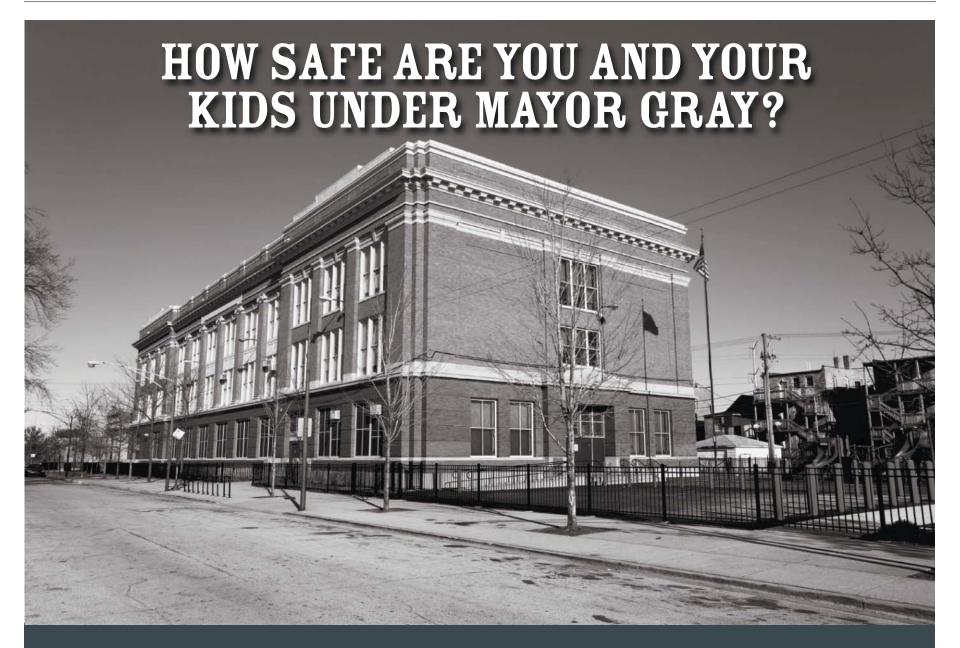
In New Hampshire, there's no snow to slow down Republican presidential hopefuls as they zoom across the state in their last push before Tuesday's primary.

"It's an iconic part of the primary," said Dean Spiliotes, political science professor at Southern New Hampshire University. "It's part of the ambiance — the mill shots in Manchester, the snow-covered town squares, watching candidates shuffle through the snow."



# **Washington Post's Capital Weather Gang**

Dismayed by the bare winter landscape, a Warren County, Va., resident did what Mother Nature could not: produce snow at his home. He told The Post's Capital Weather Gang exactly how he did it. For step-by-step instructions, see the Capital Weather Gang blog at Washingtonpost.com.



In 2010, then DC City Council Chairman Vincent Gray signed a letter saying U.S. Security Associates is "putting the safety of our city and residents at risk." He urged the city to "not allow this company to continue benefiting from taxpayer-funded multi-million dollar contracts."

Why then is now Mayor Gray all of a sudden deciding to entrust our kids and teachers' safety with this very same contractor?

Please Mr. Mayor, Say No to U.S. Security Associates



# **DC Rider**





# The Wild Card

If I could whistle, that's probably what I would have been doing Tuesday morning when I swiped my SmarTrip card and noticed my January SmartBenefits had magically loaded on their own. But other folks I ran into were making much sadder noises.

At Farragut North, a woman was agitatedly explaining to a Metro employee that she had tried to add her monthly SmartBenefits at several Farecard & Pass machines, but they kept telling her "transaction canceled." And the money she had last year was missing! A guy came over and started complaining about the same problem. Although it was barely the end of rush hour, the saintly WMATA worker attempting to explain the situation was running out of steam. "It's been a day," she told me.

Apparently, this scene played

out across the Metro system during the Great SmartBenefits Freak-Out of 2012. There were angry Twitter postings about Metro messing up — shocker! — and reports that the customer service line was completely swamped. Several of my co-workers stormed into the office stewing about their commutes.

But, as I hope everyone's figured out by now, it was all just a misunderstanding. The SmartBenefits transactions were canceled because the money was already on the card (hence, my desire to whistle). And the old money wasn't

missing — it was hiding. To comply with IRS rules, starting Jan. 1, WMATA divided riders' accounts into three "purses." There's one with your transit benefits, another with your parking benefits and



a third for your personal stored value (and what you had on your account at the end of the year). The amount you see at the fare gates is just what's left of your transit benefits.

There's nothing sinister about this new arrangement, but the switchover could have been handled more smoothly. Even Ben Schumin, a 30-year-old self-described "Metro nerd," was thwarted when he tried adding his SmartBenefits at Glenmont and Dupont, and didn't realize why until he arrived at work. "I got the emails [from WMATA] about the changes, but I never read them," he admits. I have a few friends who claimed they never got the message at all. It might have helped if Metro had posted signs explaining the new policies this past week.

And I still don't understand why the purse system precludes us from having fare gates that show you the combined amount in your transit and personal purses. That number would make it easier to know when you really need to add cash, especially if you're a bus commuter who has to go out of your way to do it. There's also a quirk in the system that affects Baltimore residents like me. We can use our SmarTrip cards on Charm City's subway, buses and light rail, but the money comes out of our personal stored value purse rather than our transit benefits.

I'm not saying that SmarTrip cards and SmartBenefits are stupid. But they could stand to study a little harder.



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# **In Brief**



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#### RICHMOND, VA.

# Va. Named Among Top Wine Travel Destinations

A magazine has listed Virginia among the top 10 wine travel destinations for 2012. Gov. Bob McDonnell said Wednesday that Virginia is one of only three domestic destinations earning the recognition in the February issue of Wine Enthusiast Magazine. The other two U.S. destinations are in California. (AP)

# OLNEY, MD.

# Man Gets 20 Years in Car Crash That Killed 3 in Md.

A Maryland driver who fled the scene of a single-vehicle crash in Olney that killed three of his passengers was sentenced to 20 years in prison. WUSA-TV reports that a judge sentenced 20-year-old Kevin Coffay to 40 years in prison Thursday but suspended half the sentence. Coffay pleaded guilty in November to three counts of vehicular manslaughter and one count of fleeing the scene of a fatal crash. (AP)

# RICHMOND, VA.

# McDonnell Outlines 2012 Energy Initiative Plans

Gov. Bob McDonnell rolled out his 2012 energy initiatives on Thursday, proposing \$500,000 to promote the development of wind power off Virginia's coast and knocking the federal government anew for blocking oil and gas development in the same waters. McDonnell said the package will advance his goal of making Virginia the "Energy Capital of the East Coast" through policies that encourage the use of fossil fuels, including coal; help develop renewable sources such as wind and solar power; and promote efficiency and conservation. (AP)

# **Gray Urges Thomas to Resign**

Mayor, council chair expect official to step down amid charges

#### Washington

D.C. Council member Harry Thomas Jr. was charged with embezzling more than \$300,000 in city funds and filing a false tax return, according to court papers filed Thursday in the District's federal court.

The charges came in a "criminal information," a type of charging document that can only be filed with the defendant's consent and generally signals that a plea deal

has been reached.

A plea hearing in Thomas' case was set for 11:15 a.m. Friday before U.S. District Judge John D. Bates, according to a court docket entry.

Federal prosecutors and Thomas' attorney spent the last few days negotiating an agreement in the case. Thomas' resignation has been a key part of those talks.

In a statement Thursday, Mayor Vincent C. Gray, a Democrat, urged Thomas to resign, while Council Chairman Kwame R. Brown, a Democrat, told colleagues early Thursday that he was expecting Thomas to step down.

"I urge council member Thom-



Harry Thomas has been charged with embezzling \$300,000 in city funds.

as to resign and focus his time and efforts on defending himself in court," Gray said. "While everyone is presumed innocent until proven otherwise, those who violate the public's trust must be held accountable for their actions."

In an interview Thursday afternoon, Brown said he has not spoken to Thomas since before Christmas but fully expects him to leave the panel.

"I'm very clear: I expect his resignation and I expect it soon," Brown said. Brown added he's given no consideration to the possibility that Thomas will try to remain in office until the conclusion of the judicial process. "I just think it's time to move forward," said Brown, who did not have any immediate plans to reach out to Thomas. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

# **A Supportive Circle Before Send-Off**



**FLAG-WAVING SPC. ANTEVIA ERVIN**, of Chicago, rallies her company of 79 members of the D.C. National Guard, the 273rd Military Police Company, as they prepare to begin their deployment to Afghanistan at the D.C. Armory on Thursday.

# Old Alexandria Theater Set for Final Showing

# Alexandria

The Old Town Theater, on King Street in Alexandria, has been showing "moving pictures" for almost 100 years, along with vaudeville, community theater, puppet shows, and anything else you could put on a stage or screen. But no more.

David Sachs reported in Thursday's Alexandria Times that the Old Town is closing for good this weekend, the stuff inside auctioned off next weekend, and the great old marquee torn down shortly after that to make way for more retail space in the heart of Old Town.

# The Lotteries

#### Thursday, Jan. 5

# Maryland

| Mid-day Pick 3        | 1-1-               |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Evening Pick 3 (Wed.) | 3-8-               |
| Mid-day Pick 4        | 0-6-9-             |
| Evening Pick 4 (Wed.) | 5-6-1-             |
| Match 5 (Wed.)        | 10-17-21-34-38 (28 |
| Multi-Match (Mon.)    | 2-4-17-20-31-3     |

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| Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.) | 6-6-3             |
| Mid-day DC 4                 | 9-4-4-6           |
| Evening DC 4 (Wed.)          | 8-6-2-8           |
| Mid-day D.C. Five            | 6-8-5-3-9         |
| Evening D.C. Five (Wed.)     | 0-7-0-3-1         |
| Hot Lotto (Wed.)             | .3-5-10-22-29 (1) |

# Virginia

| Mid-day Pick 3        | 3-8-4               |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Evening Pick 3 (Wed.) | 3-9-1               |
| Mid-day Pick 4        | 8-3-5-0             |
| Evening Pick 4 (Wed.) | 6-8-5-3             |
| Mid-day Cash 5        | 11-12-18-22-23      |
| Evening Cash 5 (Wed.) | 1-11-15-24-29       |
| Win For Life (Wed.)   | 4-7-8-25-33-42 (16) |

# Multi-State Games

| Powerball  | 21-35-46-47-50 (2) |
|------------|--------------------|
| Power Play | 4X                 |

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery ticket location or a lottery claims office. Drawings that occur after Express' deadline will be published two days later.

# sports

After another debacle of a season, Express grades the Redskins overall | 14



# **TV Lineup**



Derrick Rose and the Bulls have won three straight against the Orlando Magic.

# Friday

7 P.M. The Wizards look to regain some dignity against the Knicks. CSN 8 P.M. The hobbled Derrick Rose and the Chicago Bulls go for their fourth-straight win over the Magic. ESPN 10:30 P.M. The Blazers travel to Phoenix to play the aging Suns. ESPN

# Saturday

NOON The No. 9 Hoyas look to keep their hot streak going when they face West Virginia in Morgantown. MASN 1 P.M. Sam Houston State squares off against North Dakota State in the FCS Championship, done by playoffs. ESPN2 4:30 P.M. The upstart Bengals travel to Houston to face the Texans in their first-ever playoff game. NBC 8 P.M. Detroit is finally back in the playoffs. Unfortunately, it's on the road versus the red-hot Saints. NBC

# Sunday

1 P.M. The Wizards may have one win by the time the Timberwolves get to Verizon Center. Or they may not. CSN 1 P.M. Eli Manning and the Giants may have barely gotten into the playoffs, but they host the Falcons Sunday at the Meadowlands. FOX 4:30 P.M. The Steelers may be sans Ben Roethlisberger when they go to Denver to play Tim Tebow in what is surely one of many playoff games. CBS 6 P.M. The Terps head down to Raleigh, N.C., to face N.C. State. ESPNU



Caps defenseman Mike Green played Tuesday in 3-1 victory over the Flames at home. It was his first on-ice showing in 23 games.

# **Slow Comeback**

Green's first game back wows no one, but progress is made

# The Capitals

After making his second return from injury this season, Washington Capitals defender Mike Green could tell that he was far from his elite form in his first game back since Nov. 11.

When asked how his outing against the Calgary Flames went, Green fired back, "I'll be honest with you — not great."

Coming off a groin injury for his comeback Tuesday night, Green looked tentative in places he normally excels. During his 15:43 minutes of ice time, he pulled back from delivering body checks, thought twice about joining offensive rushes and admitted his trademark first "You're not going to play up to the standards that you want to play, but you've got to start somewhere. I don't know how many minutes [Green] played, but you've got to start somewhere."

— **DALE HUNTER,** CAPS COACH, SPEAKING ABOUT THE RETURN OF MIKE GREEN, WHO SKATED 17 SHIFTS ON THE BLUE LINE IN HIS RETURN FROM INJURY IN TUESDAY'S GAME.



few explosive steps had considerable rust on them. "[I need to] just get the rust out of my game. I'll be back to normal soon, but it will take some time," he said.

Green may have written off the game as a personal disappointment, but Capitals coach Dale Hunter said he expects a gradual return to normalcy from Green.

"You're not going to play up to the standards that you want to play, but you've got to start somewhere," Hunter said. "You've got to get the rust off."

While Green may not be entirely confident in his abilities just yet, Hunter didn't shy away from using the defender in the 3-1 win.

Along with the 15 minutes of ice time, Green skated 17 shifts, a hefty amount for a player who hasn't seen action in 23 games. Just completing the game could be seen as a major victory for Green and the Caps.



# Shaking the Sharks

The Washington Capitals haven't had much success when facing Saturday night's opponent, the San Jose Sharks. To understand how poor the Caps are when facing off against the Sharks, consider that the last time a Caps team won a game in San Jose was in 1993. The Caps won 4-2 while current coach Dale Hunter was serving a suspension for boarding Pierre Turgeon in the previous season's playoffs, and Alex Ovechkin was 8 years old at the time. The Caps have a 0-10 road record versus the Sharks since the 1993 win. R.S.A.

In his first comeback attempt of the season, a Nov. 11 game against the New Jersey Devils, Green lasted only seven minutes before leaving the ice with another injury. A return to the form that made Green an NHL All-Star last season will take time. Green said off-ice workouts can only do so much to rehabilitate his game and that slogging through full games will ultimately be the key.

"There's a little bit of conditioning stuff we can do [off-ice]," he said. "More so it's just getting in the game and playing."

On Saturday, Green will have another chance to don a sweater as the Caps take on the Pacific Division-leading San Jose Sharks. Though Tuesday's game wasn't his personal best, his role as a goodluck charm is untarnished. With Green in the lineup, the Caps are 9-0-0, and the team is riding a four-game winning streak.

# **Terps Need Steady Hand for ACC**

Uneven play must end before conference schedule, coach savs

# Terps Men's Hoops

The optimist might say that all the close games the Maryland Terrapins have played against the likes of Mount St. Mary's and Radford and Cornell will instill in them the necessary instincts to finish the season strong.

The pessimist will put palm to face and lament that if the Terrapins can't blow out these lesser teams that came to College Park, then get ready for a lot of losing in the ACC.

"We like to make it interesting," first-year coach Mark Turgeon said. "There's no question about that."



Sophomore guard Terrell Stoglin (12) leads the ACC in scoring with 21.2 ppg.



The reasons for Maryland's struggles are many and legitimate. The youthful players are still learning to execute Turgeon's schemes, and the team, lacking depth on the best days, played without starting point guard Pe'Shon Howard for the first nine games and without 7-foot-1 freshman Alex Len for the first 10.

But the time for excuses has expired.

Maryland travels to North Carolina State (11-4) on Sunday and commences its 16-game conference schedule, the clearest measure of the season's success. Given the low expectations for Maryland's

first season without coach Gary Williams in more than 20 years, few can argue with a 10-3 record in early January.

After a particularly rough start, the Terrapins enter conference play on a seven-game winning streak, even if the performances have exasperated Turgeon, who implores his players to give a more consistent effort in both practice and games.

"Once we learn how to finish games - even though we have been getting the wins - it is going to make us a better team," sophomore guard Terrell Stoglin, the ACC's leading scorer at 21.2 points per game, said. "I think we're ready. We still need to get better and have a lot of work to do. We need to get ready for the game on Sunday." DEREK TURNER



Gary Kubiak and the Texans will play their first-ever playoff game Saturday.

# **Strangers** In Our Midst: **Lions, Texans**

#### **Pro Football**

Hey, Stranger.

Here's a playoff head-scratcher: accompanying the Patriots and Packers, Steelers and Giants, are the Lions and Texans.

On Saturday, the Texans kick off the NFL playoffs by hosting Cincinnati. It's merely their first postseason game in franchise history, a life span of 10 seasons.

At night, the Lions, whose last trip to the playoffs came in 1999, play at New Orleans.

There they are, Detroit and Houston, both 10-6, in there among recent champions and frequent playoff qualifiers.

Fourteen Texans have made it to the playoffs with other clubs.

"From that standpoint, as far as our players, maybe that's a good thing that they don't have a lot of things to pull from. It's just, go play it like any other game," coach Gary Kubiak said.

Lions coach Jim Schwartz is no newbie to the postseason, making several trips while an assistant with the Titans - including to the 2000 Super Bowl. "I think the finality of playoffs - win and advance, keep playing; lose and your season's over — I think that's probably the thing that's the most different from a regular-season game," Schwartz said. (AP)

# **Westphal Fired By Kings After** 2-5 Start to Year

# **Pro Basketball**

The Sacramento Kings fired coach Paul Westphal on Thursday, cutting ties after two-plus seasons amid a slow start and an escalating dis-

Westphal

pute with young center DeMarcus Cousins.

Kings president of basketball operations Geoff Petrie made the announcement ..... Thursday. Assis-

tant coach Keith Smart, let go by the Golden State Warriors this summer after one season, will serve as head coach versus the Bucks.

Looking to build momentum for a new arena project, Sacramento stumbled at the start again this year. A talented and athletic - albeit raw — roster led by Westphal is 2-5 and in last place in the Pacific Division. (AP)

# Sundav

BENGALS (PLUS 3) AT TEXANS

LIONS (PLUS 11) AT SAINTS

**FALCONS (PLUS 3) AT GIANTS** 

STEELERS (MINUS 8) AT BRONCOS

ALABAMA (MINUS 1) AT LSU

**TEXANS** 

For obvious reasons.

I'm inclined to trust

the team with the guy

named "Yates."

SAINTS

This game will be clos-

er than people think.

but the Lions don't

have the firenower.

**FALCONS** 

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True fact: 15 road

teams have won wild-

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over the last 7 years.

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#### **BENGALS** BENGALS

Bengals have A.J. Yates vs. Dalton ... I Green; Houston IS just like the Bengals' rooktoo green for playoff ie better football.

I do love a nice defensive struggle in

# SAINTS

January.

Maybe the Lions can hang around Bourbon Street and catch the BCS Championship.

**SAINTS** 

Points, points, points ... and then even more points

SAINTS

These two teams have never met in the playoffs, and I think an upset is in order.

# **GIANTS**

Teams that lose to the record of NFC play-

# **GIANTS** Look for Jacobs to

whip it" and Cruz to salsa, as Atlanta wonders where the roof is.

Maybe I'm nuts but I think the Giants could win the NFC.

**GIANTS** 

Harrison will be fined Polamalu will have a pick and Denver a biblical QB controversy.

# **STEELERS**

Pittsburgh is definitelva one-and-done team this year.

# ALABAMA

Trustme. I know college football.

# **BRONCOS**

Forget Tebow, without Big Ben on Mendenhall. the Steelers have major problems.

#### I.SU

LSU playing for it all in New Orleans? Yeah, I think I'll go with that.

#### I'd set the Broncos' over-under for touchdowns at around 0.

LSU

Figure the Saints alone

will outscore both of

these teams, right?

#### **ALABAMA**

The Madhatter vs. Saban, Roll Tide!

# Season Tally: Public Bar, 46-29; Matt Swenson, 43-27; Clinton Yates, 41-34; Dan Steinberg, 37-33; Arnie Applebaum, 36-39

# sports

# Meet the C'Team

**After a 5-11 season,** Mike Shanahan said he was "disappointed we didn't win 10 or 11," maybe the clearest evidence of the franchise's delusion. Our 2011 report card gives the team a C grade. ELLIOTT SMITH

# Quarterback

The Redskins manned the most important position in the NFL with an interception machine and a retread. No wonder the team's offense struggled. Rex Grossman and John Beck were never the answer, and it's emblematic of Washington's woes that the powers-that-be thought they were. **Grade: D-**



# Offensive line/tight end

Given the amount of shuffling that took place, the O-line performed about as well as expected with unheralded guys stepping in. The Trent Williams/Fred Davis situation is a huge disappointment and clearly hinders their value to the team. Chris Cooley's injury issues left his future up in the air. **Grade: C** 



# **Defensive line**

The Redskins made two of their best offseason moves by bringing in Barry Cofield and Stephen Bowen, who helped stuff the run and defend the pass. Adam Carriker had another nice campaign, too. This is one of the few positions of strength going into next season, especially with Jarvis Jenkins returning to the fold. Grade: B+

# **Running back**

Perhaps the brightest spot on the team. The surprise emergence of Roy Helu and, to a lesser extent, Evan Royster at least gives the Redskins some young options at the position. Tim Hightower looked decent before his injury, but Ryan Torain finally fell out of favor with Shanahan. **Grade: B** 



# Dorbana the brightest o

# Linebackers

The ageless London Fletcher, who had a stellar campaign, was the heart and soul of the team. He was bookended by promising rookie Ryan Kerrigan and still-young Brian Orakpo, who disappeared for stretches but is still an elite pass-rushing threat. Perry Riley showed promise in a late-season audition. **Grade: A-**



# Wide receiver

Santana Moss has been a loyal soldier in his years in D.C., but he is not a No. 1 receiver. Jabar Gaffney and Donte Stallworth don't scare anyone either. Anthony Armstrong was MIA. This is another major position of need. **Grade: C-**

# Secondary

Another mixed bag. Injuries have stunted LaRon Landry's play. DeAngelo Hall sometimes did more yapping to reporters than making plays on the field. O.J. Atogwe was a disappointment in his first year. Josh Wilson was a steady contributor. Grade: C

# Winless Wizards Recognize Their Ineptitude



**7 P.M.**Friday I CSN



The preseason sense of optimism is gone. The overwhelming, yet uncomfortably familiar, theme of doom and gloom is starting to settle in. Players and coaches are once again talking about taking steps back.

The Washington Wizards are in trouble.

As the only winless team in the NBA (0-6), the Wizards brace themselves for a visit from the New York Knicks Friday night, the next chance for the team to put an end to the worst start in franchise history.



The Magic's Quentin Richardson (5) and the Wizards' Chris Singleton play Wednesday.

During Thursday's practice session, after a dispirited loss to Orlando on Wednesday, veteran guard Maurice Evans called a players-only

team meeting to address the woes and identify the team's problems, which include a lack of clarity when it comes to players' roles. "Who is it that are our leaders? Who are we trying to go to when we need a bucket?" Evans said. "Those are just questions I posed to them and things we have to know going forward if we're going to win games, and, more importantly, if we're ever going to compete and contend for anything real."

While the Wizards have struggled, New York has not had that much better of a start at 2-4.

Perhaps Thursday's team meeting was the kick-start they and the rest of the Wizards need to wake up from their season-long swoon.

"We're just trying to hold ourselves accountable," Blatche said.

# What's Gone Wrong?

# The short answer: everything.

- ▶ The Wizards are the NBA's last winless team. All but one team has at least two wins, and the team with one win, New Jersey, got its win over Washington on opening night.
- ▶ The Wizards had a game against Milwaukee in which a clerical error resulted in a technical foul when an ineligible Roger Mason played despite the fact that his name wasn't included on the active roster.
- As a team, the Wizards are shooting a paltry 39 percent from the floor and 26 percent from 3-point range.
- ► In Wednesday's loss at Orlando, Wizards captain Andray Blatche was called for goaltending — on a free throw. AVI CREDITOR







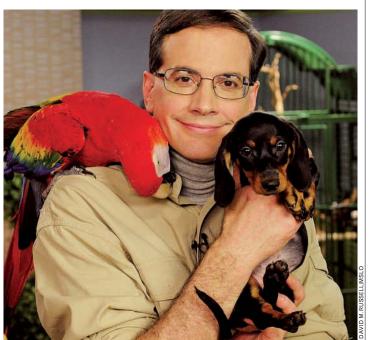
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# **Marc Morrone**

PET EXPERT, TV HOST

Martha Stewart's go-to animal guru, pet-store owner Marc Morrone, knows the truth about cats and dogs. His Hallmark Channel show "Petkeeping With Marc Morrone" (weekdays at noon) returned for its second season this week. On it, the dorky-cool dude details topics such as what to feed your guinea pig and how to keep Japanese fighting fish from attacking their own reflections.

# People call you a pet expert. How'd you earn that title?

I'm a pet keeper. Over time, I've accumulated a lot of experience, whether that experience is right or wrong.

# What can we expect from the new season?

People are going to see me as a

spokesperson for ethical treatment of animals. We've never talked about the inequality in people's emotions and ideology towards different animals; for example, how we will raise a dog yet eat a pig. It goes further even, for example, to vegans who will not eat animals yet have cats as pets.

# Any tips for someone who just got a new dog or cat as a holiday present?

Well, you really shouldn't just give a pet for the holidays — you need to make sure someone wants a pet or that it will fit into their lifestyle. It is important to ensure that the animal will complement, not complicate, your life. If you don't have time to walk it, get a small dog that can use pads in the house. If you want to save time from grooming,

find a short-haired dog that doesn't need to be combed.

# You've spent time in Washington, D.C. Any favorite things to do here?

Definitely the Smithsonian Institution. And, of course, I love spending time at the National Zoological Park.

# "We've always shared our lives with animals. ... We need to have something alive always around us."

# Is there a perfect pet for city people?

Well, there's no right or wrong answer — I've seen Great Danes that have been happy living in the city. There's many factors, however: your landlord, what you can afford and the amount of free time you have to care for your pet. For example, if you want a bird in a small city apartment, you need one that doesn't make a lot of noise to not disturb your neighbors.

# Why do you think humans like to keep pets? Do they change how we see the world?

Essentially, we've always shared our lives with animals, since the early days when everyone lived on farms. For the last 50 years or so, we've shut ourselves away from the natural world. We need to have something alive always around us. Children are so into the virtual world today that they forget what the natural world is about — getting them a pet, even something as small as a hamster, is very important to humans. Animals gave us the free time to understand the world we live in. Erin cunningham (EXPRESS)

# **Event Horizon | Slicking Your Neck Out**

Learn to embellish collars a la Miu Miu and Marni at local crafter Kiah Leigh's DIY event at new Eckington boutique Studio85. Collars, studs, sequins and glitter included in admission price. 53 Florida Ave. NW; Sun., 1 p.m., tickets \$20; reserve at Dropbydiycollars.eventbrite.com.

# goods lookout



# In the Thick of It

**OUR LOCKS**, always on the stringy side of Gwenyth Paltrow's, get even droopier during radiator season. Rahua's Voluminous Shampoo and Conditioner (\$32-\$34 each, Rahua.com) use a wholesome, vaguely French-smelling cocktail — lavender, eucalyptus and ungurahua oil (extracted from an Amazon palm tree) — to pump up tresses without drying them out. They plumped our hair nicely before the inevitable hat-head crushing occurred. But we're not sharing the secret with that overexposed Gwennie.

# **A Craft Shoot**

THE DIY MOVEMENT has so infected our national psyche that people are knitting scarves for trees and raising buffalo in Brooklyn backyards. OK, we made up that last part. But the craft inept—or just the thrifty—can get in on the trend with "The Bust DIY Guide to Life" (\$30, Stewart, Tabori & Chang), with 250 projects from the grrl-powered mag. Hip how-tos include tiedyed tights and Kate Middleton-ish fascinators, plus basics on bike repair and dog adoption.

Grab



# **Owl Rack**

DEER HEADS IN DECOR need to go the way of Bambi's mother. Owls, a woodland animal we find far less cliche and tick-ridden, create a cozier vibe, as in Creative Bath's wonderful line of hand towels (shown, \$12), shower curtains (\$30) and other bath accessories decked with the wise

creatures, all of which just swooped into Home Rule (1807 14th St. NW; 202-797-5544).

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# **Board Riff**

when he's not catching air and performing half-pipes, snowboarding great Shaun White likes to — design housewares? His gnarly new line for Target just swished in with Alpinerad blue-on-white bedding (\$70-\$90), modern lamps with shades resembling board shirts (shown, \$35), and banks shaped like skulls and what he dubs the White Monster (shown, \$10). And if you're a teenage boy or an obsessive fan, the megabox store also stocks White's line of punky T-shirts and shoes.



# Dear <mark>Manolo</mark>

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

I've been searching for the perfect pair of black booties for what seems like eons now. I'd love a walk-able heel (I live in Toronto and walk a ton) but nothing dowdy. I'm a university student who wears an awful lot of '50s-style dresses and red lipstick, but I do have a pair of spiked 5-inch heels that I break out for parties on the weekends. Can you suggest a boot?—colleen

Manolo says, ayyyy! To think it is now 2012 and we are living in the future, which, strangely seems not all the different from the past, except that all of our best friends live in something called "cyberspace" and all the teenagers communicate entirely with their thumbs.



But otherwise, everything seems familiar, as we still live in houses made of wood and brick (instead of moon rocks and plastic), and the Rolling Stones are still the touring band (although Mick Jagger now looks like the folk-art dried apple doll).

Happily, despite this being the future, many smart young women wear beautiful vintage clothing in inventive and stylish ways and thus require shoes that enhance such creations without seeming too costumey.

For the example, pairing the 1950s dress with the 2010s booties, the practice which has much to recommend it.

Here is the Chaps from the Elizabeth and James (\$280, Zappos.com), the stacked-heel bootie which would complement the full skirts in the most non-dowdy manner possible.



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THE GREAT SWEET BINGE OF late 2011 resulted in nasty accusations ("Dad, you stole my entire Toblerone!") and blechy feelings about your waistline. Caveman Cookies' new Rainforest flavor cookies (\$10 a bag, Whole Foods) mesh not-terriblefor-you-yet less-indulgent ingredients (dried

Goodie for You

man Cookies' new Rainforest flavor cookies (\$10 a bag, Whole Foods) mesh not-terrible-for-you-yet less-indulgent ingredients (dried cherries, Brazil nuts, almond meal) into a treat that's supposed to imitate our hunter-gather pasts. We found it pleasantly spicy (thanks to

some cayenne) yet not resolution-busting.

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# Have Your Cake and Drink It, Too

Bake the booze right into your pies and cupcakes for adults-only treats

**Brooke Siem and Leslie Feinberg** were just two 20-something victims of the recession when they starting hitting the bottle to make a living. Siem — a trained pastry chef working in kitchens across New York City — and Feinberg — a bartender and mixologist — decided to combine their passions for booze and baked goods in a decadent way. But unlike bakers who use liquors just for flavor — effectively diffusing the intoxicating effects of alcohol in a 350-degree oven — the pair wanted to make more potent treats.

That's why their kid-unfriendly cupcake catering business, aptly named Prohibition Bakery (646-454-9970, Prohibitionbakery.com), specializes in a loaded version of New York's perennial favorite dessert: cupcakes featuring liquors—gin, scotch, Baileys—in their gooey centers.

Siem and Feinberg call the minisweets "shotcakes" or "cuptails." Since the liquor (or beer, in the case of the popular brewski-pretzel concoction) is whipped into the icing or injected as filling, snarfing a half dozen of these cakelets could get you buzzed.

"We want the cupcakes to be for adults," Siem says. "The flavors are very sophisticated — not just vanilla and chocolate. They're modeled accurately after the ingredients in the cocktail."

Combining booze and baked goods isn't a new concept. (Think Grandma's uber-tipsy rum bundt cake or a Kentucky-style chocolate-bourbon pecan pie.) It's an idea that's usually driven by flavor, not a desire to party.

"It's about enhancing flavors, like bringing out the taste of orange with Cointreau or chocolate with rum," says retired pastry chef Valerie Lifhack, who works at Old Town baking supply store La Cuisine (323 Cameron St., Alexandria; 703-836-4435).

Any hooch that tastes good in a glass would also work well in a dessert — and sometimes, baking a high-proof liquid into a dish can temper its bite. "I'm not a huge fan of bourbons and brandies to drink, but the rich flavors go really well in pie," says Connecticut bakery



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owner Michele Stuart, author of "Perfect Pies: The Best Sweet and Savory Recipes From America's Pie-Baking Champion" (\$16.50, Ballantine). Stuart adds brandy and bourbon to fruit, nut or even chocolate pies. And since her desserts are baked, which evaporates most of the alcohol, the added oomph won't make anyone drunk.

Indeed, it's the choice of whether to let alcohol burn off in a 300-plusdegree oven — or whether to douse your dessert with a boozy, unbaked icing, glaze or filling — that determines whether a sweet goes on the kids' table or on an adultsonly menu.

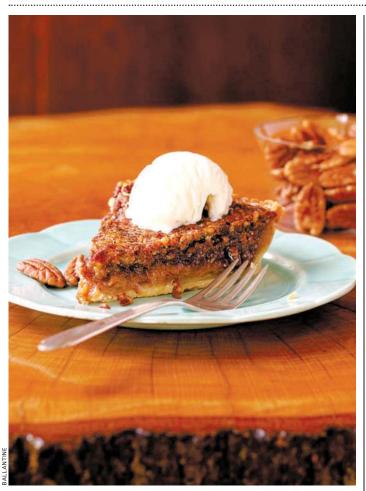
# "I don't want the alcohol to bake off — I want it to ooze out."

- WINNETTE MCINTOSH AMBROSE,
THE SWEET LOBBY CO-OWNER AND BAKER.

Leah Daniels, owner of Hill's Kitchen (713 D St. SE; 202-543-1997), likes her treats on the buzzy side. "I add alcohol — rum, Kahlua — to frosting," she says. "I use it like you would vanilla or almond extract. I think you taste it more."

Cakes, pies and cookies are all ripe for spiking. "I love the flavor alcohol brings to macaroons," says Winnette McIntosh Ambrose, coowner of and baker at Capitol Hill's the Sweet Lobby (404 8th St. SE; 202-544-2404), who amps up the traditional cookies with infusions of brandy or champagne filling. "I don't want the alcohol to bake off — I want it to ooze out. (Sweet Lobby also sells special-order cupcakes in flavors such as pina colada, limoncello-lemon zest and Boston creme dressed up with Irish whiskey.)

# **Recipe File**



# CHOCOLATE-PECAN-BOURBON PIE

Makes one 9-inch pie or about six to eight slices.

#### Crust

- 1 recipe for pie crust for a
   9-inch pie or a prepared pie crust
- 1/4 cup heavy cream (to glaze the crimped pie edαes)

# **Filling**

- 3 large eggs, at room temperature
- ▶ 1/2 cup plus 1 tablespoon sugar
- ▶ 11/4 cups dark corn syrup
- 1/2 tablespoon pure vanilla extract
- 1 tablespoon bourbon
- ▶ 5 tablespoons unsalted butter. melted and warm
- ▶ 11/2 cups chopped pecans
- 3/4 cup semisweet chocolate chips

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# Make It

Preheat the oven to 350 F.

To prepare the pie shell: On a clean, lightly floured work surface, roll out half a ball of dough with a rolling pin until it forms a 10-inch circle. Wrap the remaining half of dough tightly in plastic wrap and reserve it in the refrigerator for future use for up to five days. Fold the circle in half, place it in a 9-inch pie plate so that the edges of the circle drop over the rim, and unfold the dough to completely cover the pie plate. Using your thumb and index finger, crimp the edges of the pie shell. Brush the edges of the shell with heavy cream to create a golden brown finish. Set the pie shell to the side while you make the filling.

To prepare the filling, using an electric mixer on medium speed, mix together the eggs, sugar, corn syrup, vanilla and bourbon. Scrape the sides and bottom of the bowl at least two times while mixing. Add the warm melted butter and mix well. In a separate bowl, combine the pecans and chocolate chips. Sprinkle the pecanchocolate chip mixture across the bottom of the pie shell. Pour the filling over the nuts and chips, covering them completely.

To bake, place the pie plate on a baking sheet and bake for 40 to 45 minutes, or until the pie is firm. The edges of the filling will rise, but the middle will remain a little loose. Don't worry about this — the pie will continue to bake after it's removed from the oven. Transfer the pie plate to a wire cooling rack and allow the pie to cool and set for two to three hours before serving.



If you want to come up with your own highball-inspired treats, look to the bar cart as much as the dessert menu. A cherry tart might get a rye-vermouth whipping cream to emulate a Manhattan; a chocolate cake merits a White Russianish Kahlua-infusion. Still, "don't use your most premium bottle," McIntosh Ambrose says.

And while it's tempting to think more is more when it comes to booze and baking, remember that turning flour, sugar and friends into sweets is a scientific art. If you tweak your recipe too much, you'll get a soggy mess, not an intoxicating success. This means adding a tablespoon or two, not a martini pitcher full, of alcohol. "You want to make sure the cake can rise," McIntosh Ambrose says.

Plus, you want your guests to feel like they can gobble a second piece of pie and still drive home safely.

KATHERINE BOYLE (EXPRESS)

# "We want the cupcakes to be for adults.

The flavors are very sophisticated — not just vanilla and chocolate. They're modeled accurately after the ingredients in the cocktail."

- **Brooke siem,** co-owner of prohibition bakery, which makes liquor-infused cupcakes.

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# **Uncommonly Good**

It is a truth universally acknowledged that Viola Davis will take home the Best Actress Oscar for her work in "The Help." Though I had my problems with the movie, I have no quarrel with her winning her performance certainly deserves recognition. And her win will probably



revive discussion of diversity in cinema. Maybe we'll even talk about how Davis won for playing a maid, just like the first black Oscar winner, Hattie McDaniel, did at the 1939 awards. Look

how far we've come.

There has been progress (though not enough), and the proof can be seen in Kim Wayans' performance in "Pariah." Wayans (yes, from "In Living Color") plays Audrey, who rightfully suspects her daughter Alike (Adepero Oduye) is a lesbian. The complexity Wayans brings to the part is reminiscent of Annette Bening's nominated turn in "American Beauty"; she's a woman desperately trying to keep her family picture-perfect, not out of maliciousness, but because having surroundings that appear magazine-ready hides her own hurt.

Wayans isn't getting the press that Davis got — "Pariah" is an indie from a first-time writer-director and doesn't have the Disney juggernaut behind it. But characters and, consequently, performances like hers are rare — rare for women, rare for African-Americans - and they should be celebrated as the achievements they are.





# Keep Portlandia

# **Television**

Fred Armisen and Carrie Brownstein's "Portlandia" both lampoons and celebrates the Oregon city's famous mix of high/low hipsterdom and excruciatingly correct lifestyles, with varying results.

It skewers the unmistakable Portland vibe with a wisp of love in its heart, as Armisen (slumming from "Saturday Night Live") and Brownstein (a veteran of the indie rock scene who knows of what she mocks) take on a stereotypical array of characters: demanding foodies, impossible enviro-warriors, arrogant bicyclists, zealous homeowners, feminist booksellers and deluded artisans.

Easy targets, all. And yet, back for a second season on IFC Friday at 10 p.m., the show seems markedly improved from its earlier efforts and somehow more confident in its writing and sense of nuance. It's also funnier. Everyone involved with "Portlandia" recognizes that this isn't a TV show so much as an opportunity to produce a series of quick videos clips on a recurring theme, any one of which might break loose and go marvelously viral online. "Portlandia's" real goal is to be shared and linked into meme-dom.

The sketches this time are smarter and less reliant on the elusive magic of improv, that comedic school of performance from which all our funnypersons now matriculate. Though, "Portlandia" still suffers some

# On It!

A favorite sketch last season had Armisen and Brownstein playing twee artsand-crafters determined to sew bird silhouettes on everything they saw. "Put a Bird on It!" became an anti-hipster mantra and may have helped snuff out a tired fashion trend. A rejoinder this season could be "We can pickle that!," when the two play foodies obsessed with canning every object they see. н.s.

of the same bad habits of improv workshops and "SNL," where sketches don't end so much as they peter out or careen off a cliff.

But Armisen and Brownstein more than make up for their flops with exuberance to spare. As a pair of yuppie REI weekend warriors, they admonish beerswilling inner-tubers about river rightsof-way. As helicopter parents of an adult son, they tag along as he gathers petition signatures to ban plastic bags, and then strap him into his car seat.

By design, "Portlandia" feels like a giant inside joke — white people making fun of the most rarefied set of whitepeople problems - and though it's all in fun, it's also never far from a trenchant bit of social commentary. It targets the most virulent anti-consumers who in fact become impossibly materialistic; it abhors urban hypocrites and dilettante trendsetters. But it's also not out

for blood. "Portlandia" is catch-andrelease, hunting only for silly sport. HANK STUEVER (THE WASHINGTON POST)



Equally Silly: IFC's "The Increasingly Poor Decisions of Todd Margaret" (10:30 p.m.) also returns for a second season Friday. David Cross, left, stars as the delusional title character, in way over his head as the president of a soft drink company's London division. Todd combines an ignorance of general knowledge with a lack of perspective and a penchant for serial lying that land him in one ridiculous situation after another. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNIVERSAL UCLICK)

Adepero Oduye, right, makes her debut as a teen struggling with identity in "Pariah."

# 'Pariah' Feels A Lot Like Life

#### **Film Review**

If there's anything negative about "Pariah," it would be that title, which sends the unfortunate signal that audiences are in for a difficult sit.

Instead, this invigoratingly fresh, optimistic film — which features the breathtaking debuts of director Dee Rees and leading lady Adepero Oduye — plunges the audience into a world that's both tough and tender, vivid and grim, drenched in poetry and music and pain and discovery. In other words, "Pariah" feels a lot like life, at its most confusing, contradictory and exhilarating.

Oduve plays Alike (a-lee-kay), a 17-year-old high school student living in Brooklyn's Fort Greene neighborhood and trying to navigate the usual social and family tensions that plague most restless American teenagers. But Alike confronts an extra obstacle: She's gay, which places her outside the norms of the black community, her peers

# Pariah (R)

- **▶ Director:** Dee Rees
- **Stars:** Adepero Oduve, Kim Wayans, Charles Parnell
- ▶ In a Nutshell: A Brooklyn teenager juggles conflicting identities and risks friendship, heartbreak and family in a desperate search for sexual expression.

and mostly her own family.

Alike's mother, Audrey (Kim Wayans), is a devout Christian and submerges her suspicions about her daughter under prodding advice about appropriate friends and good hair; her father, Arthur (Charles Parnell), is loving but distant, distracted by his own secrets.

Like "Medicine for Melancholy" in 2008, "Pariah" tells the story of an African-American protagonist trying to forge an identity across cultural vernaculars, whether by way of clothing, girlfriends or music. ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

THE ADVENTURES OF TINTIN (PG, 107 minutes) Steven Spielberg has brought Tintin to the big screen, but not quite to life. From the film's opening sequence, when Tintin (voiced by Jamie Bell) and his terrier, Snowy, find a rare model ship in a crowded outdoor flea market, every frame is jam-packed with gleaming surfaces and beguiling reflections. No sooner does Tintin barter successfully for the ship than two men try to steal it, sending Tintin and Snowy on an adventure that will take them from Europe to the high seas and North Africa. The story really gets rollicking when Tintin meets Captain Haddock (Andy Serkis), a dipsomaniacal seafarer who joins Tintin's quest to find out why so many people are interested in his little model boat. On the surface, "The Adventures of Tintin" is unimpeachable, but the surface is where it stays. A.H. **ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: CHIP-**WRECKED (G, 87 minutes) Either you're eagerly anticipating "Chipwrecked," the third installment in the lucrative "Alvin and the Chipmunks" series, or you've opted to avoid these films like the plaque. As usual, Alvin (voiced by Justin Long) remains the chipmunks' chief instigator while the three embark on an ocean-

spanning trip with their beleaguered

agent/parent, Dave (Jason Lee). The

mischievous critter's latest prank gets

his fuzzy mates — and their adorable fe-

male counterparts, the Chipettes—tied

starboard side of a cruise ship and onto a tropical island. We're introduced to Zoe (Jenny Slate), a FedEx pilot who tells the chipmunks she has been stranded on the island for eight or nine years. Just don't ask why her clothes are clean, her hair is perfect and she hasn't run out of eye makeup. The "Chipmunks" have a very loyal audience and "Chipwrecked" serves up more of the derivative chaos that floats this franchise's boat. SEAN O'CONNELL THE ARTIST (PG-13, 100 minutes) Capping off a year of movies dedicated to high-style nostalgia, "The Artist" arrives like the last, lightest profiterole on the croquembouche. "The Artist" opens in 1927, when the dapper Errol Flynn-esque film star George Valentin (Jean Dujardin) rules Hollywoodland as its reigning star, his million-dollar grin coming as easily as the waves of applause that predictably greet every one of his new pictures. When George crosses paths with an eager newcomer named Peppy Miller (Berenice Bejo), he's cast in the role of mentor (and maybe more); but when talking pictures become the order of the day, she quickly begins an ascent up stardom's ladder, while George's fortunes begin their inevitable slide. A.H. A DANGEROUS METHOD (R, 99 minutes) Continued on page 24

up in a parasail that carries them off the

When the movie opens in 1904, a young woman named Sabina Spielrein (Keira Knightley) arrives at a psychiatric hospital in Zurich, contorted in paroxysms of full-blown hysterics. She comes under the care of a young psychiatrist named Carl Jung (Michael Fassbender), who follows the experimental techniques of

Yorick van Wageningen, right, tries to keep his distance from Rooney Mara, left, who stars as the titular character in "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo."



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a neurologist named Sigmund Freud. He begins to correspond with Freud (Viggo Mortensen), who, when they finally meet, leads his visitor on a conversation that will last 13 hours. "A Dangerous Method" captures Jung and Freud's budding mutual comprehension with the giddy sweep of a young romance. It may be Jung and Spielrein whose relationship becomes more erotically complicated, but the core of David Cronenberg's film is the intellectual love story between two

men whose six-year collaboration would shake and shape modern thought. A.H. THEDARKESTHOUR (PG-13,89 minutes) In this science-fiction action thriller, Sean (Emile Hirsch), Ben (Max Minghella) and three others find themselves in a Moscow nightclub as aliens invade Earth. A blackout forces the group outside, where they watch as cometlike balls of light fall from the sky. Quickly, they realize that the occasionally invisible aliens are malevolent and able to kill. Retreating underground, they hide until the worst of the invasion is over. They re-emerge to find that populations all over the world have been destroyed and that in order to survive they have to fight back. (TWP)

**THE DESCENDANTS** (R, 115 minutes) George Clooney doesn't put a foot wrong except on purpose in "The Descendants," a pitch-perfect movie that threads a tiny needle between comedy and devastating drama. Clooney's Matt King is the wealthy descendant of Hawaiian royalty, who, as the movie opens, is watching his wife, Elizabeth, lie comatose in a hospital bed after suffering a near-fatal boating accident. A distant husband and father, Matt must find a way to bond with his daughters, 10-year-old Scottie (Amara Miller) and 17-year-old Alex (Shailene Woodley). "The Descendants" is an ode to  $emotion ald is sonance, wherein {\it regret} and$ antic humor can coexist and even share a

writer-director Alexander Payne pulls off with uncommon skill and aplomb. A.H. THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TAT-T00 (R, 158 minutes) Rooney Mara's portrayal of punked-out cyber-genius Lisbeth Salander does much to advance the appeal of this spiky heroine, whose victimization at the hands of piggish men and her subsequent avenging fury have made her a feminist avatar for the WikiLeaks era. Handsomely filmed and impeccably acted, "The Girl With the  $Dragon\, Tattoo"\, is\, at\, once\, satisfying\, and\,$ underwhelming, a pristine, coolly atmospheric procedural thriller that comes to the party a tad overdressed in hype. The movie's most unsettling scenes, a brutal rape and an equally torturous act of revenge, are staged by Fincher for maximum shock value. But for the most part, he plays down his stylistic signatures, allowing the performances to project the story's most subtle meanings. A.H. HAPPY FEET TWO (PG, 100 minutes) In "Happy Feet Two," there's precious little of what gave "Happy Feet" its incongruous, yet infectious charm: a tap-dancing penguin. The gotta-move protagonist of the first animated, Antarctica-set feature — a misfit young emperor penguin named Mumble (Elijah Wood) — returns for the seguel. But this time he's all grown up — and a lot less fun. In his place are a lot of other polar creatures vying for screen time and our attention. The biggest letdown is the absence of dancing. Mumble, the former hoofer, is now the father of a penguin chick named Erik (Ava Acres). He spends most of his time putting his foot down after Erik, who

drink; it's a tricky tonal high-wire act that

doesn't like to dance, runs away from home, and Mumble is forced to go get him and bring him back, scolding him the entire way. So much for happy feet. M.O. HUGO (PG, 125 minutes) "Hugo" begins with one of Martin Scorsese's signature bravura tracking shots, this time through a cavernous train station in 1930s Paris. The camera is following the title character, a 12-year-old boy who lives secretly just below the station's ceiling. When he's not scrounging for food, he's gathering trinkets and tools to fix a lifelike metal automaton that represents his last link to a once-happy life. For the most part, it's a somber affair, its self-seriousness only deepening when Hugo runs afoul of a grumpy toy seller and his goddaughter, Isabelle. But during "Hugo's" final 20 minutes or so, the film truly comes to life. A.H. MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE - GHOST PROTOCOL (PG-13, 133 minutes) Hand it to Tom Cruise: Even on the cusp of the creaky age of 50, he still manages to do his own stunts, look studly in a suit and maintain perfect hair sweepage. "Ghost Protocol" possesses the requisite number of expertly choreographed "How'd they do that?" scenes, as well as some terrific supporting performances from "Mission: Impossible" veterans and newcomers. Rather than strain so mightily to remind viewers of his still-rock-hard abs and bluesteel stare. Cruise is more than entitled to remind us that he can actually act. Especially when he convincingly plays Ethan convincingly playing a Russian general and then engages a Kremlin guard in some absurdly clever misdirection. That piece of visual legerdemain, as well as Ethan's quarry—Russian nuclear launch codes—



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"War Horse" tells the story of a young man (Jeremy Irvine, right) and his horse, Joey.

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Young dancer Peppy Miller (Berenice Bejo, above) forges a bond with 1920s Hollywood star George Valentin in "The Artist."

are about as retro as it gets. A.H.

THE MUPPETS (PG, 98 minutes) "The Muppets" is both a delightful family film about the Muppets and a winking, self-referential satire about how lame the Muppets are. How does it manage that trick? By starting with the premise that the Muppets are has-beens. What sets the plot in motion is a visit to Los Angeles by Gary, Mary and Walter (Gary's somewhat codependent brother). Walter is a Muppets groupie, and when he arrives in Hollywood, he can't quite accept the fact that his heroes are washed up. Walter sets out to reunite the Muppets for one last show, the proceeds from which will be used to save the decrepit Muppet Studios building from being torn down. What saves "The Muppets" from itself is a sharp eve for just how silly all of this is. m.o.

NEW YEAR'S EVE (PG-13, 118 minutes) "New Year's Eve" exists as a particularly soulless example of a movie that's less made than machined. A cobbled-together mash-up of actorly duets, this leaden effort sags when it should shimmer, labors clunkily when it should glide and — most unforgivably — plops some otherwise attractive and even talented actors into roles that are completely outside their physical and psychic comfort zone. Most insulting of all, the filmmakers insist on inserting bits of moralizing in the movie like so many razor blades in a candy apple.

Clocking in at an unforgivable two hours, "New Year's Eve" perpetrates the same forced jollity, oversize proportions and crass superficiality as the very holiday it so wanly exploits. A.H.

SHAME (NC-17, 99 minutes) In Steve

McQueen's mournful portrait of an addict hitting rock bottom, Michael Fassbender plays a man seeking self-annihilation through the compulsive pursuit of sex. As successful New Yorker Brandon, Fassbender spends a great deal of time staring moodily. Brandon may be able to make it anywhere, but even when he's with another person, he's alone. That changes with the sudden arrival of his little sister, Sissy (Carey Mulligan), whose hospital bracelet indicates that all is not entirely well with her either. Sissy upsets Brandon's metronomically choreographed rituals, which, it becomes clear, emanate from a wound deep in their shared past, A.H. **SHERLOCK HOLMES: A GAME OF** SHADOWS (PG-13, 129 minutes) Victoriana buffs will not be amused by this film, but it's a modest improvement on bad-boy director Guy Ritchie's first tweaking of Arthur Conan Doyle's iconic detective. Not because it's more subtle: This sequel is just as profligate as its 2009 predecessor, with explosions, anachronisms and quick cuts. But the dialogue is a little sharper, and Holmes gets a worthy opponent in Professor Moriarty, a diabolical mastermind who has begun a series of bombings and assassinations, hoping to spark a "world war." Robert Downey Jr. plays Holmes as brainy yet highly physical, and keen on dressing up. Jude Law returns as Dr. Watson, Holmes' famous sidekick. Holmes' latest case nearly scrubs Watson's wedding and ends the new couple's honeymoon before it even begins. Holmes, the filmmakers wink, can't bear to let Watson go. MARK JENKINS THE SITTER (R, 80 minutes) Spiked with some loopily inspired supporting performances and Jonah Hill's characteristically inspired improvisational asides, "The Sitter" is an efficient but uneven programmer, whose most valuable contribution to the cinematic landscape is its blessedly brief running time. The reason Hill's Noah finds himself babysitting a neighbor's three kids is that their regular sitter has a urinary tract infection. In the course of the ensuing night, he and Slater, Blithe and Rodrigo run amok through a Brooklyn bat mitzvah, an upscale restaurant, a street-tough pool hall and a retail outlet called Neal's Diamonds. The biggest kid, of course, is Noah himself, another man-child abroad in a world that can't see the exquisite gifts behind the girth. A.H.

TINKER, TAILOR, SOLDIER, SPY (R, 130 minutes) "Trust no one, Jim," the Continued on page 26



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British spy chief known as Control says as the film opens. "Especially no one in the mainstream." With those tantalizing words of advice—delivered by John Hurt—the game is deliciously afont in

Tomas Alfredson's long-awaited adaptation of John le Carre's Cold War-era spy novel. Jim Prideaux and his boss, Control, are both working for the British intelligence service MI6 in 1973 as the film opens, when the Cold War is at its height and Control is certain that MI6 has been infiltrated by a mole. Control sends Jim to Hungary, where the events that transpire will have inevitable reverberations

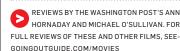
back in London, where veterans engage in silent-but-deadly bureaucratic knife fights, all the while being impassively observed by the masterfully reticent career spook George Smiley. A.H.

**WAR HORSE** (PG-13, 146 minutes) Man's inhumanity to man is examined through a boy's mystical connection to a horse in "War Horse," Steven Spielberg's stirring, expertly manipulative adaptation of Mi-

chael Morpurgo's 1982 novel (which has already been adapted for a hit Broadway play). The plucky steed is named Joey, a playful thoroughbred colt admired from a distance by an English farm boy named Albert (Jeremy Irvine). When Albert's father, Ted (Peter Mullan), unexpectedly buys Joey in a drunken impulse, the boy is overjoyed, training the horse to respond to his slightest whistle. When Ted's landlord,

Lyons (David Thewlis), demands funds he's due, it looks as if the family will have to sell Joey — until Albert persuades him to plow an entire rocky field, to the amazement of the onlookers who gather to witness the feat. But Joey's fate is far from secure: When World War I dawns, Ted does sell the horse, this time to the British forces. A.H.

WE BOUGHT A ZOO (PG, 124 minutes) In "We Bought a Zoo," Matt Damon plays Benjamin Mee, a widower who's been alone with his kids for six months when he decides to upend their lives and buy a broken-down zoo in Southern California, Based on the real-life Mee's actual memoir, "We Bought a Zoo" contains all the ingredients of a maudlin, treacly weeper ("Dozens of Marleys and Three Mees"). Happily, writer-director Cameron Crowe keeps the most mawkish manipulations to a minimum in a movie that moves through its requisite stages — grief, acceptance, zany sight gags and healing — with smooth, entertaining efficiency. The title, by the way, is spoken twice by Mee's 7-year-old daughter, Rosie, played by the beguiling Maggie Elizabeth Jones, whose scene-stealing cuteness proves to be one of the most likable things in a movie that's all about being liked. A.H YOUNG ADULT (R, 94 minutes) Mavis Gary, played with perfect pitch by Charlize Theron, is a 37-year-old divorced writer facing the cancellation of her popular series of young adult novels. Lonely and depressed, Mavis shuffles around her apartment in sweat pants, swilling booze, eating fast food, watching bad TV and having meaningless sex, all the while making insensitive comments about other people. The actress wholeheartedly embraces Mavis' dark — and, let's face it, somewhat guylike — side with gusto. It's a performance that's as hard to look away from as it to watch, especially when Mavis decides to return to the Podunk where she grew up in order to brazenly seduce Buddy (Patrick Wilson), the guy she dated in high school. Admittedly, there are some laughs here. Most come courtesy of Matt (Patton Oswalt), the overweight-geek former classmate of Mavis' who improbably reconnects with her upon her arrival in Mercury, Minn. M.O.







# entertainment lookout



**Star Quality** For your Marilyn Monroe fix, you could see "My Week With Marilyn," which focuses on the star's tragic image and the importance of the male gaze to her persona. Or you could go see the best comic performance she ever gave at E Street Cinema's midnight screening of "Some Like It Hot," a farce about two guys running from the mob who dress up and join an all-female band. Work it, indeed. Landmark E Street Cinema, 555 11th St. NW; Fri. & Sat., midnight, Sun., 10:30 a.m., \$8-\$11; 202-452-7672, Landmarktheatres.com. (Metro Center)

**In-House Music** Friday night's entertainment at the Black Cat is provided by the staff — well, the bands they're in. As you'd expect, people who work at a rock club know how to name a band: Booze Riot is (obviously) our favorite, but the Real Moon Preachers (punk), Mean Season (metal) and Raindeer (pop) will round out the lineup nicely. The bar staff will serve up \$4 Stoli drinks to support their colleagues.

Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; Fri., 9 p.m., \$5; 202-667-7960, Blackcatdc. com. (U St.-Cardozo)

**Change of Scenery** 

If Degas' paintings of ballet dancers seem too static to you, you can see them in motion. Well, not those specific dancers (unless you have a time machine,

Doc Brown), but Christopher Wheeldon's

famous production of "Swan Lake," which was filmed in Germany in 2009. The Phillips Collection will be screening it Saturday

paintings. Phillips Collection, 1600 21st St. NW; Sat., 2 p.m., museum admission \$10-\$12; 202-387-2151,

of its special exhibit of Degas

afternoon for the final weekend

Phillipscollection.org. (Dupont Circle)

# **Local movie times**

# DISTRICT

# **AMC Loews Georgetown 14**

The Adventures of Tintin (PG) Digital Presentation: 1:10-6:45Movie Times Hugo 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 11:00-2:00

New Year's Eve (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 5:00-7:50-10:50 We Bought a Zoo (PG) Digital Presentation: 11:20:215-5:30-8:30-11:20
The Muppets (PG) CC-Closed Captions: 9:45-12:30-3:20
Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol: The IMAX Experience (PG-13) IMAX: 10:10-

The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 10:30-4:00-9:30 

War Horse (PG-13) 12:05-3:30-7:00-10:3

rlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) 10:40-1:40-4:50-8:00-11:10 The Muppets (PG) 9:45-12:30-3:20

# **AMC Loews Uptown 1**

www.AMCTheatres.com

# Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 12:00-3:30-7:00-10:30

# AMC Mazza Gallerie 5300 Wisconsin Ave. NW w

www.AMCTheatres.com

The Adventures of Tintin (PG) Digital Presentation: 11:30-4:50-10:20
Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive

Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) Club Cinema-Over 21 after 6:00 pm;

Digital Presentation: (!) 10:30-1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30

The Muppets (PG) Digital Presentation: 10:10-4:00-9:40

The Adventures of Tintin 3D [PG] Rea[D 3D: 2:10-7:40

The Devil Inside (R) Club Cinema-Over 21 after 6:00 pm;Digital Presentation: 11:00-1:10-

Hugo (PG) Digital Presentation: 1:00-6:50
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# Avalon

5612 Connecticut Avenue www.theavalon.org

Le Havre (NR) 10:30-1:10-6:00

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The Way (PG-13) 3:20

# **Landmark E Street Cinema**

The Descendants (R) 2:10-4:40-7:10-9:40 Pariah (R) 1:15-3:15-5:30-7:45-10:00 The Artist (PG-13) 2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30-11:30

Star Trek II: The Wrath Of Khan (PG) 12:00AM Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (R) 12:30-2:00-3:30-5:00-6:30-8:00-9:15-10:45 My Week with Marilyn (R) 2:20-4:50-7:20-9:50

A Dangerous Method (R) 2:30-5:00-7:30-9:50 Shame (NC-17) 2:35-5:05-7:35-9:55

Wombs Discovering the Next Dimension (NR) 12:00AM

# Regal Gallery Place Stadium 14 707 Seventh Street NW Hugo 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (() 1:20

War Horse (PG-13) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 12:50
The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (I) 2:45-5:15-7:50-10:20-12:45
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Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol (PG-13) 12:20-3:30-4:10-6:30-7:30-9:40-10:25-12:30 We Bought a Zoo (PG) 1:00-3:50-6:55-9:50

Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) 1:30-4:50-7:10-8:00-10:00-10:45 The Muppets (PG) 12:25-3:00-5:40-8:30-11:00

# West End Cinema 2301 M Street NW

http://westendcinema.com/

Norwegian Wood (Noruwei no mori) (NR) English Subtitles: 1:30-4:20-7:00
Young Adult (R) Chartze Theron in her Golden Globe-nominated rolet: 3:00-5:10-7:20-9:30
Le Havre (NR) English Subtitles: 3:20-5:30-7:40

Melancholia (R) 9:50

# **MARYLAND**

# **AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center**

8633 Colesville Road w The Artist (PG-13) NO PASSES: (1) 12:20-2:30-4:40-7:00-9:20 Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (R) NO PASSES: (I) 11:30-2:30-4:30-7:10-9:45 My Week with Marilyn (R) 2:40-4:45-6:50-9:00 The Way (PG-13) 12:15

# AMC Loews Center Park 8 4001 Powder Mill Rd. www.AMCT www.AMCTheatres.com

The Adventures of Tintin (PG) Digital Presentation: (I) 11:00-4:00-9:30
Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 10:50-1:50-4:45-

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The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) Digital Presentation: 11:30-3:00-6:50-10:10

# AMC Loews White Flint 5 11301 Rockville Pike www.AMCTheatres.com

War Horse (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 12:50-4:05-7:20-10:45 Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 12:35-3:50-6:45-10:00 The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) Digital Presentation: 12:10-3:35-7:00-10:30 Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol (PG-13) 1:20-4:35-7:40-10:55 Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G) 1:40-4:55-8:00-10:15

# AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center 12 800 Shoppers Way www.AMCTheatres.com 800 Shopper's Way www.AMC The Adventures of Tintin (PG) Digital Presentation: 11:00-4:15-9:30

Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 11:30-2:50-6:30-

Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G) Digital Presentation: 10:10-12:30-3:00-The Sitter (R) Digital Presentation: 11:10-1:20-3:30-5:40-8:00-10:20-12:30

Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 12:20-3:20-6:10-The Darkest Hour (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 12:10-5:00-9:40

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#### **Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema** 235 Woodmont Avenue Young Adult (R) 12:55-3:10-5:25-7:45-9:55

The Descendants (R) 1:30-4:15-7:05-9:45 The Artist (PG-13) 2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30 Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (R) 1:00-2:30-4:00-5:30-7:15-8:30-10:00
A Dangerous Method (R) 1:40-4:45-7:10-9:35
War Horse (PG-13) 1:15-3:20-4:20-6:30-7:30-9:50

# Regal Bethesda 10

7272 Wisconsin Avenue www.rea
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The Darkest Hour 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: (!) 2:40-5:00-7:20-9:30 The Devil Inside (R) 1:15-3:20-5:30-7:50-10:00

The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) 12:00-3:30-7:00-10:15 Hugo (PG) 1:00-3:40-7:20-10:10 The Adventures of Tintin (PG) 1:20 New Year's Eve (PG-13) 7:40-10:20

Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G) 2:00-4:05-6:40-9:00 Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol (PG-13) 1:10-4:20-7:30-10:30

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# Regal Hyattsville Royale Stadium 14

6505 America Blvd.

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# Regal Majestic 20 & IMAX 900 Ellsworth Drive

Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol: The IMAX Experience (PG-13) IMAX: (!) 7:15-Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive

The Adventures of Tintin: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) IMAX 3D: (I) 12:10-12:20-

The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (I) 1:40-4:10-6:45-9:20-11:50 The Darkest Hour 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: (I) 3:15-5:35-8:00-10:15-12:35

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The Descendants (R) 1:55-4:30-7:25-10:25
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) 1:25-4:45-6:00-8:10-9:35-11:30

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The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1 (PG-13) 2:45 War Horse (PG-13) 12:50-4:00-6:05-7:30-9:15-10:45-12:20 New Year's Eve (PG-13) 5:10-7:50-10:30 We Bought a Zoo (PG) 12:55-3:50-6:40-9:45-12:30 The Sitter (R) 8:30-10:35-12:35

Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) 1:15-4:15-6:10-7:10-8:55-9:55-11:45-12:40

# **VIRGINIA**

# AMC Courthouse Plaza 8 2150 Clarendon Blvd. Plaza 8 www.AMCTheatres.com

Hugo 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 6:00-9:10 The Muppets (PG) Digital Presentation: 1:40-4:10-6:40-9:15 The Darkest Hour (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 12:30-5:20-9:45
The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 2:00-4:30-7:00-9:35
My Week with Marilyn (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: 2:15-4:45-7:15-9:40 Hugo (PG) Digital Presentation: 2:50 The Darkest Hour 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: (I) 3:05-7:30 The Adventures of Tintin (PG) 12:35-3:00-5:30-8:00

# **AMC Hoffman Center 22**

New Year's Eve (PG-13) 2:55-5:55-9:00 We Bought a Zoo (PG) (I) 2:40-6:00-9:05

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The Adventures of Tintin (PG) Digital Presentation: 12:20-3:00-5:40-8:25-11:10

Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 11:40-2:50-6:00-

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War Horse (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 12:50-4:10-7:30-10:45
We Bought a Zoo (PG) Digital Presentation: 10:25-1:30-4:35-7:35-10:35
The Sitter (R) Digital Presentation: 11:25-1:46-4:00-6:20-8:40-11:00
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) CCIDVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive

The Darkest Hour (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 1:45-6:30-11:20
Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol: The IMAX Experience (PG-13) IMAX: 12:40-The Adventures of Tintin: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) IMAX 3D: 10:00AM

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Young Adult (R) 6:10-8:35-11:05 The Devil Inside (R) (I) 10:05-12:15-2:35-4:55-7:10-9:25-11:50 The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) 4:45-8:20-11:55; 11:30-3:05-6:40-10:20 Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol (PG-13) 10:40

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Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) 12:05-3:10-6:15-9:20-12:25 The Muppets (PG) 10:10-12:55-3:35

# Alexandria Old Town Theater 815 1/2 King St http://tickets.oldtowntheat

Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol (PG-13) 2:30-5:00-7:30 The Adventures of Tintin (PG) 3:20-5:30-7:50

# Arlington Cinema 'N' Drafthouse

The Ides of March (R) 7:30

# Regal Ballston Common 12 671 N. Glebe Road

Young Adult (R) 1:50-4:20-6:50-9:20

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The Descendants (R) 3:30-5:20-9:10
The Devil Inside (R) 3:10-5:30-7:50-10:05
Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (R) 1:10-4:15-7:20-10:15
The Girl With the Dragon Tatton (R) 1:00-3:25-4:25-7:00-8:00-10:35
Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol (PG-13) 1:30-3:35-4:35-6:40-7:40-9:45-10:45
Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G) 1:40-4:00-6:30-8:50
War Horse (PG-13) 1:20-3:50-4:50-7:10-8:10-10:30
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) 1:250-4:05-7:30-10:25

# Regal Kingstowne 16 5910 Kingstowne Towne Center

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Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) 12:30-1:40-3:30-4:40-6:30-7:40-9:25-10:30

# The Muppets (PG) 1:05-3:55

Regal Potomac Yard 16 3575 Jefferson Davis Highway www.r www.regalcinemas.com

The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) ReaD 3D: ( $\emptyset$  4:40-7:15-9:45 The Darkest Hour 3D (PG-13) ReaD 3D: ( $\emptyset$  1:20-3:40-8:00-8:15 The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) OC-Open Caption: 2:35; 3:05-8:05-8:35-9:30-10:05 The Adventures of Tintin (PG) 2:10

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The Devil Inside (R) 12:50-125-255-335-5:10-5:40-725-805-9:40-10:20-11:10
Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G) 1:00-2:30-3:10-4:35-5:20-6:50-9:05
War Horse (PG-13) 3:00-3:30-6:10-6:40-9:20-9:50
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#### **Premieres**

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The television event of the season, "Downton Abbey, Season 2" debuts Sunday on PBS' "Masterpiece." "Downton" returns three years into World War I, as the grim death toll touches members of every class.

The backdrop of war and social upheaval puts a historical gloss on a classic and addictive melodrama, a tale of a major estate with a contested heir; of loves misguided, misdirected and contrived. Everyone at Downton, it seems, is trying to manipulate somebody else into doing their bidding, and the string-pulling runs up and down the hierarchy.



Matthew Crawley (Dan Stevens), left, stares plaintively with Lord Grantham (Hugh Bonneville, right, in the second season of the acclaimed "Downton Abbey."

Once again, Maggie Smith presides with a regal hauteur combined with an almost childlike frankness.

"Downton" is not perfect. Too often Lord Grantham (Hugh Bonneville) is reduced to time-marking platitudes like, "We're witnessing the end of an era." A subplot about a daughter's love for a rebellious chauffeur appears to go nowhere and takes its time getting there.

But such quibbles are easily forgiven. In a medium where many programs run too many seasons and most movies are at least an hour too long, "Downton" is one of those rare offerings a series you hope never ends. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNIVERSAL UCLICK)

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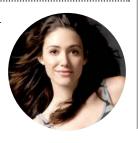
My Cat From Hell (APL) In the season premiere, animal behaviorist Jackson Galaxy helps Brooklyn and Tim, a couple whose plans for a future together have been derailed by Brooklyn's cat, Kleo. They want to get engaged and move in together, but that won't happen until Kleo stops attacking Tim's cat at every turn.



Once Upon a Time (ABC) Regina and Mr. Gold take opposite sides when Emma runs against Sidney for a local office. In the fairy-tale realm, Rumpelstiltskin seeks the ultimate power source to help his son.



**Shameless** (SHO) The Gallagher family is back, and straits are still dire. And of course, when Fiona (Emmy Rossum, shown) comes up with a plan, having all the members of the family pool their earnings in a jar to get by, it's Frank who's caught with his hand in it in the season premiere. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)



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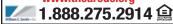
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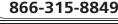
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— GIZMODO.COM wants to try the new burger, which is paired with the "Jedi Burger"; that one features a regular bun. "How about that? The House majority leader isn't merely bent on breaking the Obama administration; he's also into the occasional break-beat."

- TANNINGOFAMERICA.COM was surprised to hear Rep. Eric Cantor, R-Va., admit in a "60 Minutes" video that he is a fan of Wiz Khalifa and Lil Wayne. "In fact, now that we think about it ... this just proves that Batman is just one big Disney ripoff!! OMGZ!!! Side note: We know Batman came before 'The Lion King,' which was probably a rip-off of Kimba the White Lion — all of which are kind of based off Hamlet. Let us have our fun."

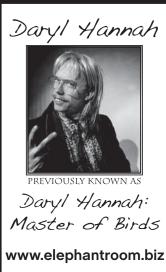
-PEREZHILTON.COM is a fan of a new YouTube video that syncs the audio from a trailer of "The Dark Knight Rises" with video clips from "The Lion King."

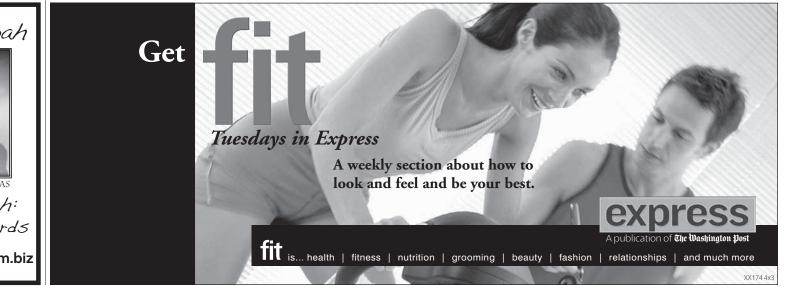
"By now, we've all had the misfortune of meeting someone who seemed really cool on one of our social media sites but was a raging tool in person. ... Fortunately, comedian Livia Scott has put this first-world problem to music, with a beautifully autotuned anthem called, 'I Like You Better on Facebook.' The video is sort of the 'Single Ladies' for everyone who isn't Beyonce. We guarantee you'll be humming this later as you delete a few friends."

HUFFINGTONPOST.COM finds Scott's song very therapeutic.

"[Some] guy stabbed someone for not knowing Jay-Z was married to Beyonce. What an idiot. Not gonna lie; he deserved it."

-BUZZFEED.COM is being facetious about the case of Ronald Deaver, of Parma, Ohio, who was arrested and charged with felonious assault for allegedly stabbing a man after an argument started because the alleged victim was not aware of Jay-Z's marital status.





# **Puzzles**

# **Horoscope**

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You'll want to take advantage of another's flexibility today without taking undue advantage of his or her nature; it's a balancing act.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You're proud to be involved in something that you think is quite important — and chances are your efforts will be remembered.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Make sure others are fulfilling their responsibilities today even as you tend to yours. Now is not time to leave something undone.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) What you've planned for the day had better be done quickly, lest you derail yourself by overthinking tactics and motives.

# TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Information you've been seeing is likely to come your way today — but so quickly that you may miss it if you're not paying close attention.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) Your creativity must not be thwarted today by a lack of resources; you can do more with less than anyone else — so get cracking.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) A message received in the morning will mature by afternoon, and you'll understand just what was meant — and what you should do about it.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) You may feel as though you are not being granted enough emotional freedom at this time — and a loved one knows it. It's time to speak honestly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Knee-jerk reactions to things said off the cuff mustn't be allowed to fester. Let things go quickly, and move on to other issues.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) What you accomplish with friends today is sure to mean more to you than anything you could do on your own. You can share many triumphs.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Don't wait around when it's time to call it a day; you have other things to do that affect your personal development.

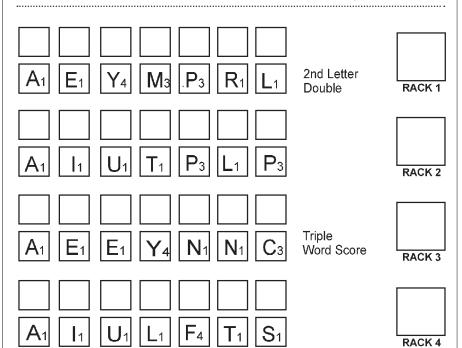
# **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

What's wrong with doing something someone else's way? You have plenty of time to undo any errors that may be made as a result.



# **Scrabble Grams**

#### PAR SCORE 145-155, BEST SCORE 221



#### Yesterday's Solution

| C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>4</sub> E <sub>1</sub> E <sub>1</sub> R <sub>1</sub> I <sub>1</sub> O <sub>1</sub> RACK 1 = | 66  |
|---|-----|
| M <sub>3</sub> O <sub>1</sub> N <sub>1</sub> S <sub>1</sub> O <sub>1</sub> O <sub>1</sub> N <sub>1</sub> RACK 2 = | 59  |
| N <sub>1</sub> I <sub>1</sub> T <sub>1</sub> P <sub>3</sub> I <sub>1</sub> C <sub>3</sub> K <sub>5</sub> RACK 3 = | 80  |
| U1 N1 I1 C3 O1 R1 N1 RACK 4 =   | 59  |
| PAR SCORE 195-205 TOTAL   | 264 |

# FOUR RACK TOTAL

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# Sudoku

#### DIFFICULT

|                  |   |   |   | 3 |   |   | 9 | 2 |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|                  | 6 |   | 9 |   |   | 8 |   | 5 |
| 8                |   |   |   |   | 2 |   |   | 7 |
|                  |   |   |   | 6 |   |   |   | 8 |
|                  |   |   | 7 |   | 1 |   |   |   |
| 4                |   |   |   | 9 |   |   |   |   |
| 2                |   |   | 3 |   |   |   |   | 9 |
| 4<br>2<br>3<br>5 |   | 6 |   |   | 4 |   | 5 |   |
| 5                | 7 |   |   | 1 |   |   |   |   |

#### Yesterday's Solution

| 8 | 9 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 3 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 8 |
| 6 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 9 | 2 | 4 |
| 4 | 1 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 3 | 7 | 2 |
| 7 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 9 |
| 9 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 5 |
| 1 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 7 |
| 2 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 8 | 9 | 6 |
| 5 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 1 |

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# **Comics**

# POOCH CAFE | PAUL GILLIGAN



#### **PEARLS BEFORE SWINE | STEPHAN PASTIS**



# Forecast



**56** 

**Today:** Partly sunny, breezy and not as cool today. Partly cloudy tonight.



56

6 34

**Tomorrow:** Mild tomorrow with sun and some clouds. Patchy clouds tomorrow night.

# **Looking Ahead**







48 | 33 | 46 | 34 | 50 | 37

# Sun and Moon

Sunrise today: 7:27 a.m. Sunset today: 5:01 p.m. Moonrise today: 2:50 p.m. Moonset today: 5:05 a.m. Almanac Normal high: 43 Record high: 71 Normal low: 29

m. Record low: -3

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# **Puzzles**

Crossword F00T WARMER

#### **ACROSS**

1 Summer month 7 Tides favored for boating departures 11 Automated computer program 14 Site of much horsing around? 15 Moe Howard move 16 Unspecified quantity 17 Worthy of a TV movie, perhaps 18 Kind of proprietor 19 Fifteen percent, often 20 Track star's purchase 23 "Hey you, c'mere!" 26 Wintertime on Cape Cod 27 Be in limbo 28 Greek wine 31 1952 Winter Games site 34 Zeta-theta link 35 Still-life centerpiece 37 Canadian buck 41 It can improve circulation 44 A baseball, but not a football

45 \_\_\_ En-lai (Chinese premier) 46 UPS delivery (abbr.) 47 Abnormal body sac 49 Affluent 51 Singer's range 54 Activate, as a bomb 56 Ancient road to Rome 57 "Cinderella" clue 62 A Bobbsey twin 63 Crab's sensor 64 Feeling during an upheaval 68 "Ammonia" has two 69 Additive in skin lotions 70 Word in a Nicole Kidman film title 71 Thoroughfare 72 Darned right? 73 Act the aide

# **DOWN**

1 Remains of the tray? 2 Sport \_\_\_ (off-road vehicle) 3 Fish with bill-like jaws

key

6

9

4 Submerged threats of WWII 5 Thin incision 6 Georgia (Atlanta univ.) 7 "Sissy," mostly 8 Stewed 9 "\_\_\_ Ha'i" 10 Project detail, for short 11 Take to the tub 12 Bermuda or Vidalia 13 What blood has to be, before a transfusion 21 "... to say the \_\_ 22 Frighten, as a horse 23 Weightlifting maneuver 24 Trap 25 Dangerous bacteria (Abbr.) 29 "99 and 44/100 percent pure" soap 30 Blow holes? 32 Single-masted sailing vessel 33 Scene of any event 36 Computer "panic"

38 Bite playfully, as a puppy might 39 Linen tape used for trimmings 40 Ham-and-\_ (average Joe) 42 Legendary cowboy Bill 43 Sound from a poltergeist 48 Candle material 50 Wispy cloud 51 Veep who resigned in 1973 52 Andean source of milk and wool

53 Aster family perennial 55 Age 58 Health retreats 59 Bargain event 60 Adidas alternative 61 Adam's grandson 65 "The Book of \_\_\_\_" (Denzel Washington film) 66 "Boom-bah" lead-in 67 Dynamite alternative

# Yesterday's Solution

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| 44A              | R               | -1              | Е               | L               |                 | <sup>45</sup> \$ | Е               | R               | Е               |                 |                 | <sup>46</sup> \$ | Α               | Р           |
| <sup>47</sup> T  | Α               | N               | G               | 0               | <sup>48</sup> S |                  | <sup>49</sup> S | N               | Т               | <sup>50</sup> P |                 |                  |                 |             |
|                  |                 |                 | <sup>51</sup> L | E               | Α               | <sup>52</sup> P  |                 | <sup>53</sup> E | G               | 0               |                 | <sup>54</sup> A  | 55<br>L         | 56 <b>L</b> |
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# Samurai Sudoku

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.

# **Last Week's Solution**

| 8                     |                       |           |                       |                  |                       |                                      |                                      |                                 |             |             |         |                            |                                 |                                 |                       |                       |                       |                       |                  |                       |
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| 7                     | 1                     | 9         | 5                     | 3                | 6                     | 4                                    | 8                                    | 2                               |             |             |         | 1                          | 8                               | 3                               | 2                     | 6                     | 9                     | 4                     | 5                | 7                     |
| 4                     | 5                     | 6         | 7                     | 2                | 8                     | 1                                    | 9                                    | 3                               |             |             |         | 7                          | 9                               | 2                               | 4                     | 5                     | 8                     | 3                     | 1                | 6                     |
| 3                     | 7                     | 8         | 9                     | 5                | 1                     | 2                                    | 4                                    | 6                               |             |             |         | 2                          | 1                               | 4                               | 6                     | 7                     | 5                     | 9                     | 3                | 8                     |
| 9                     | 2                     | 1         | 8                     | 6                | 4                     | 3                                    | 5                                    | 7                               |             |             |         | 5                          | 3                               | 7                               | 8                     | 9                     | 4                     | 6                     | 2                | 1                     |
| 5                     | 6                     | 4         | 2                     | 7                | 3                     | 9                                    | 1                                    | 8                               |             |             |         | 9                          | 6                               | 8                               | 1                     | 2                     | 3                     | 5                     | 7                | 4                     |
| 6                     | 4                     | 5         | 3                     | 9                | 7                     | 8                                    | 2                                    | 1                               | 3           | 5           | 4       | 6                          | 7                               | 9                               | 3                     | 8                     | 2                     | 1                     | 4                | 5                     |
| 1                     | 9                     | 7         | 6                     | 8                | 2                     | 5                                    | 3                                    | 4                               | 6           | 7           | 9       | 8                          | 2                               | 1                               | 5                     | 4                     | 6                     | 7                     | 9                | 3                     |
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# DIFFICULT

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The Pan American Airways Pacific Clipper, a flying boat built by Boeing, arrives in New York more than a month after leaving California and following a westward route.

Today in History

1994 Figure skater Nancy Kerrigan is clubbed on the leg by an assailant at Detroit's Cobo Arena.

2011 Defense Secretary Robert Gates announces he will cut \$78 billion from the Defense Department budget over the next five years, to trim fat in light of the nation's ballooning deficit.

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FIVE STARS!

# Fresh-Faced Finances Are Brainy, Sexy, Adorable

Zooey Deschanel's divorce filing, which includes her income and expense declaration, was obtained by TMZ.com. She makes about \$95,000 per month, spends about \$22,550 a month, has a zero balance on her credit cards, has \$1,578,000 in the bank and \$1,645,000 in stocks and bonds. She donates \$1,500 a month to charity and spends \$2,000 a month on clothes. (EXPRESS)



# Ailing Nick Cannon Moves To Los Angeles Hospital

Nick Cannon has been transferred to a Los Angeles hospital to continue treatment for "mild kidney failure." His representative says the 31-year-old Cannon was moved Wednesday after receiving treatment in Aspen, Colo., where he and his wife, Mariah Carey, had been vacationing. Cannon's representative had no further details Thursday about his condition. (AP)



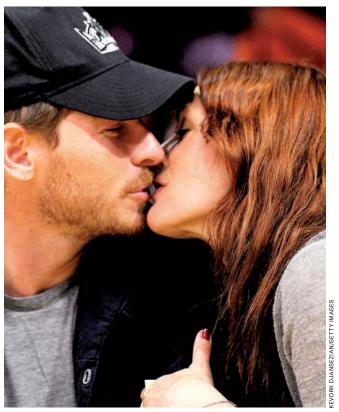
Mariah Carey asked fans, via Twitter, to "please keep Nick in your thoughts."

# Victims



# 'This Drywall Reminds Me of Tiger. It Must Go.'

Elin Nordegren, ex-wife of Tiger Woods, had her \$12 million mansion leveled so she could build a different house on the property. She bought the 9,000-squarefoot, six-bedroom, eight-bathroom home in March. TMZ.com says she'll live in a mansion nearby while her new mansion is being constructed. (EXPRESS)



"My lip itches. Hold still so I can scratch it on your mustache. That's better."

#### **BORED NOW**

# Yeah, Yeah, Just Get To the Baby-Having.

Drew Barrymore and boyfriend Will Kopelman are engaged, an unnamed source told Us Weekly. According to Us, Kopelman proposed sometime around the holidays, in Sun Valley, Idaho. Kopelman is an art consultant. He and Barrymore have been dating since February 2011. "He's madly in love and knows she's the one," the source added. This will be Barrymore's third marriage. (EXPRESS)



ANALOG

# Grandma: The Way Secrets Got Out Before the Internet

Justin Timberlake's grandmother, Sadie Bomar, confirmed that he and Jessica Biel are engaged. "He called me on Christmas Day and told me," she told Gossipcop.com. "The family loves Jessica," she added. "She's a very sweet girl." Bomar says Timberlake asked her to not share the news until after the holidays. (EXPRESS)

"I'm thinking ugly men might be the solution. I'm talking about butt ugly. ... I think butt ugly would be appreciative."



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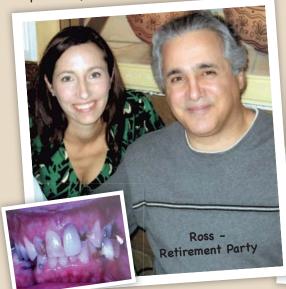
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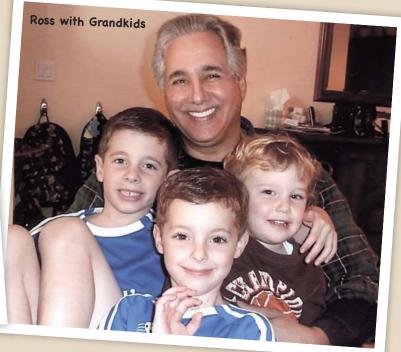
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